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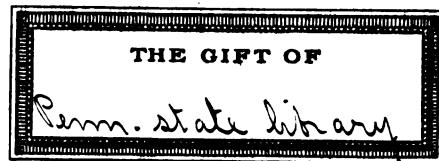
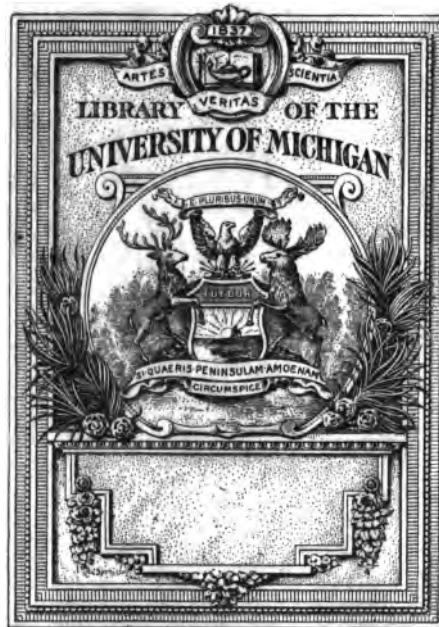
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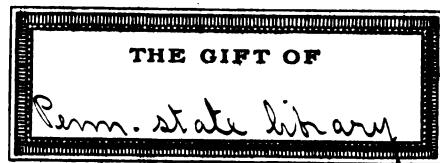
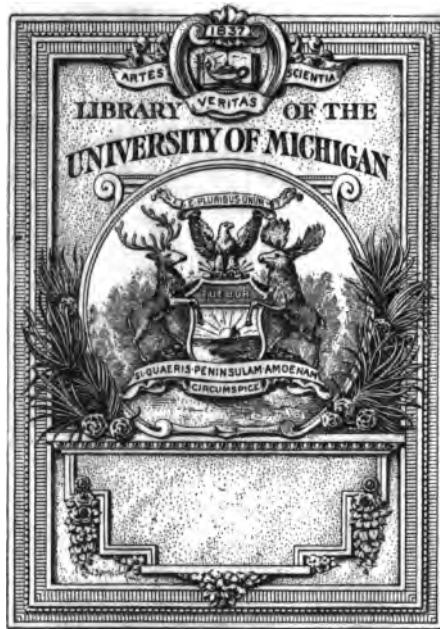


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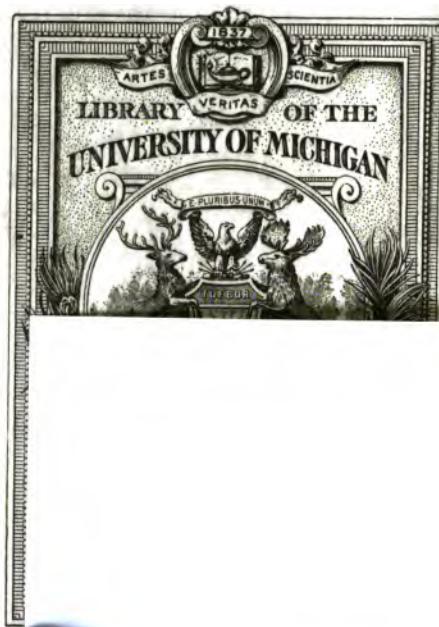


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FOR THE YEAR 1877.

HARRISBURG, September 20, 1877.

To His Excellency JOHN F. HARTRANFT,

Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

SIR: The past has been a prosperous year for the Soldiers' Orphan Schools. Little sickness and few deaths have occurred among the children. Their education has gone on in a satisfactory manner, and they have been cared for in such a way as to make them comfortable and happy. As a body, they compare favorably in physical and intellectual development, in appearance and deportment, in manly qualities, and in preparation for usefulness, with any class of children of the same age. Some of those who have left the schools at sixteen years of age, have found difficulty in securing immediate employment, but the feeling towards them in every community is so kind that this inconvenience has generally proven of a temporary character. Of the seven thousand young people educated at the Orphan Schools nearly all are at work—some engaged in the simpler kinds of hand-labor, but many at trades, on farms, or in the professions. With few exceptions they are doing well.

NUMBER IN SCHOOL.

On the 1st day of September, 1875, the number of orphan children in the care of the State was two thousand six hundred and ninety-five; on the 1st day of September, 1876, it was two thousand six hundred and forty-one, and on the 1st day of September, 1877, it was two thousand four hundred and sixty-seven, the decrease in the two years being only two hundred and twenty-eight. Nine hundred and ninety-nine children were discharged from May 31, 1876, to September 1, 1877; but seven hundred and thirty-eight were admitted to take their place. Doubtless these facts will start an inquiry as to the cause of the small decrease in the number of

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children in the schools, when the public had been led to expect, from the circumstances of the case and from calculations published from time to time in the reports of the Department, that the time had about come for the schools to close, and the burden of their expense to be removed. The cause that has kept the schools from decreasing, as they would otherwise have done, is the acts of 1874, 1875, and 1876, providing for admitting into the Orphan Schools the children of soldiers born since the first of January, 1866, forbidden by the act of 1867, and the children of sick and disabled soldiers, as well as the children of deceased soldiers, the latter only being admitted under preceding acts. The act of 1874 admitted only one hundred of these new classes of children, the acts of 1875 and 1876 opened the door fully, and admitted all otherwise eligible under their provisions. By this generous legislation, over one thousand four hundred children have been admitted to the several schools who would have been excluded under the earlier laws ; and the schools now have an attendance of two thousand four hundred, instead of the one thousand, which they would otherwise have had, and the Department is compelled to ask for twice as much money as would have been necessary to maintain them had these laws not have been passed.

THE QUESTION OF ELIGIBILITY.

In justification of the legislation which has so greatly increased the number of children in the care of the State, and proportionally added to cost of the Orphan Schools, it should be stated that no class of children are more deserving than the class benefited by it. There is no good reason why the child of a deceased soldier, born since the first day of January, 1876, is not as worthy to receive the State's bounty as one born before that date ; and the children of sick or disabled soldiers are many times in a worse condition than if their fathers had been killed in battle. The task, however, of determining the eligibility of applicants, under the late laws on the subject, has been found to be one of extreme difficulty. When first called to act in the matter, the Department, ever sympathizing with the destitute orphans of soldiers, neglected to scrutinize the applications very closely, overlooked irregularities, and admitted nearly all who applied ; but, by and by, the number of applicants swelled to figures much beyond the calculations of the friends of the laws admitting them, and it was discovered that frauds had been practiced in numerous instances, and that agents were sending in the names of persons who, as soldiers' children, had no claims upon the bounty of the State. Then more strict rules were adopted, and all applications for admission were required to contain evidence that the death, sickness, or disability set forth was owing to causes connected with the war. The rules, impartially enforced, seemed over strict to the friends of some of the children for whom application was made, and the Department was subjected to some censure ; but if those who complained could have examined the applications sent in, and acquainted themselves with all the circumstances connected with them, they would have approved

the course of the Department in fulfilling the law, and saving the State's money for the use of those for whom it was intended. So strong, at last, became the pressure from certain quarters to break down the rules adopted by the Department, that a request was made of the Attorney General to give an interpretation of the laws relating to the subject. He did so at great length, and with much clearness. The following is the concluding part of his opinion. It sustains the action of the Department and became its guide in further proceedings:

"The conditions of admission to Soldiers' Orphan Schools are, that the children must be destitute, that their fathers must have been residents of this State and engaged in the military service of the United States, and must have died or been permanently disabled in the service. Permanent disability from any other cause will not alone fulfill the conditions."

EVIDENCE REQUIRED.

It is now clear that no child can be admitted into an Orphan School whose father's death, sickness, or disability was not caused by circumstances connected with the war; and, while always giving the applicant the benefit of the doubt, the Department insists, in the case of each, upon a line of testimony extending back from the death, sickness, or disability to the cause that produced it in the army. It is sometimes difficult to obtain such testimony, and a few deserving children may be excluded from the schools for want of it, but if all are admitted for whom application is made, hundreds will be forced into the schools for whom the State never intended to make provision, the expense of keeping them up will be greatly increased, and the people, oppressed with taxes, may at last grow impatient and demand the overthrow of the whole system in order to get rid of an evil illegally fastened upon it. It would be much more easy and pleasant for the Department to admit all applicants without question, and pay for them, if the Legislature will furnish the money, and should express a desire to have it done.

The following paragraphs are from a letter of instruction, dated May 3, issued in order that applications for admission might be accompanied with the required evidence:

"The applications for the admission of children to the Soldiers' Orphan Schools, under the late acts of the Legislature, come to the Department in great numbers illegal in form, incomplete, and erroneous. These irregularities almost always lead to a tedious and sometimes annoying correspondence. Trouble to all parties concerned, it is thought, may be saved by observing the following directions.

"There are two classes:

"I. WHERE THE FATHER IS DECEASED. In this case it must be shown by satisfactory testimony that the cause of the father's death can be traced directly back to circumstances connected with the war—wounds, disease, or impaired constitution. On this point the law is imperative. The line of testimony must extend back from the time of death to the cause that produced it in the army, and statements and affidavits should be presented from the physicians who attended him at any time, but especially from those who attended him while in the service, directly after he left the service, and at the time of his death. These statements or affidavits should always contain the grounds or reasons for the opinions expressed. Weight will also be given to the testimony of

the officers under whom he served, of the soldiers who knew him, or of responsible citizens acquainted with the case.

"II. WHERE THE FATHER IS STILL LIVING BUT IS SICK OR DISABLED. Here a competent physician must make a careful professional examination of the case, and under oath or affirmation, state the character of the disease or disability and the circumstances which in his judgment caused it. If thought to be traceable to circumstances connected with the war, the opinion should be strengthened by other testimony similar to that required as above when the father is deceased; in other words, the application must contain evidence showing that the sickness or disability was caused by the war.

"In all applications it should be stated whether the father was or is in receipt of a pension; if not, why not; and if so, the number of the pension certificate should be given. The law requires all applications to be approved by the proper board of school directors. This can only be done when the board is in session, after full consideration, by a resolution placed upon the minutes. The signatures of the officers of a school board obtained without the authority of the board have no validity. They destroy the legality of the paper to which they are attached. Boards or directors are expected to inquire before approving an application as to its merits in all respects."

EXPENSES.

The system cost the past year \$380,656 70, being \$21,873 57 less than last year. The expenses exceeded the appropriation for the year \$656 70, the deficiency being paid out of the balance of former years remaining in the treasury to the credit of the Department. It should be stated, also, that there is an account with the Phillipsburg school, now closed, still unsettled. The amount claimed is \$1,327 51. The reason the claim has not been paid is because the Department considered it much in excess of the amount due.

CLOSING THE SCHOOLS IN 1879.

Unless the acts of the Legislature now in force be previously repealed, the orphan schools will close finally on the first day of June, 1879, and the children then in them must be provided for in some other way. The number of children thus disbanded will not fall short of two thousand. Their ages will be from four to sixteen. Probably one half of the whole will be over twelve. Many of them have homes of some kind to which they can go, but there is a considerable number that have neither homes to which they can go nor friends to care for them. If the act closing the schools in 1879 be repealed, and the present system be allowed to run on without regard to limitation as to time, the prospect is that there will be children of sick and disabled soldiers to care for in ten or even in twenty years from the present time. The question is not without serious difficulties from any point of view. Three courses are open to the Legislature, as follow:

1. Repeal the act closing the schools in 1879, and allow the present system to run on to its natural end. The number of children in the schools will, of course, gradually diminish. The rate of decrease will probably be about two hundred yearly, and the going out of two hundred children lessens the expense of the system about \$30,000.

2. Allow the act to stand. This will close the schools, and force the

children out upon the world. For many their case would then be a very sad one.

3. Modify the repealing act so as to discharge all children over a certain age, or for whom suitable homes can be procured, and then provide for the rest either in a reduced number of schools or in the permanent homes for friendless children which exist in various parts of the State.

The question involved in the closing of the schools is one wholly in the hands of the Legislature. It should, however, be settled at the earliest possible day, that all concerned may make arrangements accordingly.

ORPHAN GIRLS AT NORMAL SCHOOLS.

The \$7,000 set apart for the purpose by the Legislature is used to pay the expenses of a certain number of orphan girls, who give promise of skill in the work of teaching. They are carefully selected by the faculties of the several orphan schools, and they can remain at a normal school only a single term, unless, in the opinion of its principal, they are likely to improve their advantages, and accomplish the object for which they are sent. Sixty-four young ladies attended the normal schools on this foundation the past year, several of whom graduated creditably. Most of these are now teaching in our common schools, and as many others have taken their places. Full details on this subject can be seen in "The Account with the State Normal Schools," a table found elsewhere in this report.

EXAMINATIONS.

The annual examinations and inspections were held at all the schools in the months of June and July. They were attended by the Superintendent and the inspectors, assisted by the officers of the Department of Public Instruction, and in many instances by local school officers and citizens. As a whole, the examinations were fully up to the average of other years. The buildings and furniture were generally found to be in good condition.

REPORTS.

Full details in regard to the working of the system and the condition of the schools will be found in the interesting reports of the inspectors, Colonel Cornforth and Mrs. Hutter, and in those of the principals of the several schools.

CUTS OF ORPHAN SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

There will be found, in connection with the reports of the several schools, cuts of a number of orphan school buildings. They have been taken from Paul's History, with the consent of the author.

TABULAR STATEMENTS.

The tabular statements hereunto appended contain, in statistical form, a full account of the system for the past year.

TABULAR STATEMENTS.

The following are the usual tabular statements, giving the statistics of the system and showing its working during the past year:

COMPREHENSIVE SUMMARY.

Number of institutions in which there are soldiers' orphans,	25
Reduction in the number since 1871,	19
Number of orphans in schools and homes, May 31, 1877,	2,619
Number admitted on order from May 31, 1876, to September 1, 1877,	738
Number of discharges from May 31, 1876, to September 1, 1877,	999
Number of orphans in charge of the State, Sept. 1, 1877,	2,467
Number of orders of admission issued since system went into operation,	9,569
Number of orphans admitted since system went into operation,	9,304
Number of applications on file September 1, 1877,	119
Probable number of orphans that will be cared for under the system to June 1, 1879,	10,500
Cost of system for the past year,	<u>\$380,656 70</u>
Whole cost of the system since going into operation, as shown by the several annual reports to May 31, 1877,	5,221,413 01
Appropriations made but unexpended,	360,000 00
Probable amount of future appropriations that will be needed if schools close June 1, 1879,	<u>350,000 00</u>

GENERAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

This statement shows the exact financial condition of the Department at the end of the school year.

The moneys placed at the disposal of the Department for the year ending May 31, 1877, were as follows:

State appropriation,	\$380,000 00
Unexpended balance for 1876,	68,595 36
	<u>\$448,595 36</u>
Expended for education, maintenance, and clothing,	\$364,119 94
For soldiers' orphans at normal schools,	6,145 61
For out-door relief and by special act for Mrs. Mary A. Ketler,	1,445 34
Expenses of department,	8,945 81
	<u>380,656 70</u>
Balance in Treasury to the credit of Department,	<u>\$67,938 66</u>

As a matter of interest, I append to the foregoing statement a list of the appropriations made by the State and the public donations received for the support of our orphan school system since its first establishment, and also one showing the expenditures of the system as exhibited in the several annual reports.

APPROPRIATIONS.

When made.	Character.	Amount.
March 23, 1865	Regular,	\$75,000 00
April 11, 1866	Regular,	300,000 00
April 11, 1867	Regular,	350,000 00
Feb. 25, 1868	Deficit,	31,069 77
Feb. 25, 1868	Deficit,	141,561 69
April 11, 1868	Regular,	400,000 00
March 13, 1869	Deficit,	50,000 00
April 14, 1869	Damages, Orangeville,	5,000 00
April 16, 1869	Regular,	450,000 00
March 31, 1870	Deficit,	44,968 88
March 31, 1870	Deficit,	44,700 00
April 6, 1870	Regular,	520,000 00
May 27, 1871	Damages, Orangeville,	5,000 00
May 27, 1871	Damages, Jacksonville,	5,000 00
May 27, 1871	Regular,	520,000 00
April 3, 1872	Regular,	480,000 00
April 9, 1873	Regular,	460,000 00
May 14, 1874	Regular,	440,000 00
April 12, 1875	Regular,	400,000 00
May 13, 1876	Regular,	380,000 00
April 18, 1877	Regular,	360,000 00
Amount of appropriations by the State,		\$5,462,298 34

DONATIONS.

When made.	By whom.	Amount.
May 6, 1864	Pennsylvania Railroad Company,	\$50,000 00
June 5, 1865	Loyal Association of Penn'a, Washington, D. C.,	85 06
June 5, 1865	A Philadelphia teacher,	3 00
Amount of donations,		50,088 06
Total amount,		\$5,512,386 40

If to this grand sum be added the amounts donated by individuals directly to the schools and homes for the use of the orphans, it would swell the amount many thousands of dollars.

ANNUAL EXPENDITURES.

The amounts expended in support of the soldiers' orphan schools as shown by the several reports have been as follows:

From commencement to November 30 1865,	\$103,817 66
From December 1, 1865, to November 30, 1866,	321,270 42
From December 1, 1866, to November 30, 1867,	435,080 44
From December 1, 1867, to May 31, 1868,	236,970 26
From June 1, 1868, to May 31, 1869,	500,971 62
From June 1, 1869, to May 31, 1870,	514,126 42
From June 1, 1870, to May 31, 1871,	509,037 66
From June 1, 1871, to May 31, 1872,	475,245 47
From June 1, 1872, to May 31, 1873,	467,132 84
From June 1, 1873, to May 31, 1874,	450,879 49
From June 1, 1874, to May 31, 1875,	423,693 76
From June 1, 1875, to May 31, 1876,	402,530 27
From June 1, 1876, to May 31, 1877,	380,656 70

\$5,221,413 01

The appropriations made by the Legislature for the six years the Orphan Schools have been in the hands of the present administration amount to \$2,680,000 00, and the expenditures to \$2,600,138 53, leaving a balance unexpended of \$79,861 47.

PAYMENTS MADE TO DIFFERENT INSTITUTIONS.
Advanced Schools.

SCHOOL.	For quarter ending Au-gust 31, 1876.	For quarter ending No-vember 30, 1876.	For quarter ending Fe-bruary 28, 1877.	For quarter ending May 31, 1877.	Total paid schools for education and ministe- rane, including Goldsch- ime, from June 1, 1876, to May 31, 1877.
1. Andersonburg,	\$3,432 83	\$3,346 15	\$3,166 24	\$2,982 83	\$12,938 05
2. Bridgewater,	2,768 71	2,699 43	2,658 71	2,474 42	10,601 27
3. Chester Springs,	5,988 64	5,881 63	6,084 81	6,034 95	23,986 03
4. Dayton,	6,434 94	6,987 44	7,494 15	7,084 54	28,011 74
5. Hartford,	6,320 24	6,895 53	6,927 17	6,981 00	26,923 94
6. Industrial School,	150 00	150 00	148 33	95 38	543 71
7. Lincoln Institution,	2,955 20	2,979 31	3,077 91	3,560 33	12,572 75
8. Mansfield,	6,981 03	6,753 82	6,866 03	8,066 86	28,667 74
9. McAlisterville,	6,163 70	5,750 94	5,983 29	5,951 78	23,849 71
10. Mercer,	11,462 93	11,316 22	12,141 78	11,984 14	46,885 07
11. Mount Joy,	8,885 67	7,877 88	7,870 04	7,781 46	32,215 06
12. Phillipsburg,	5,220 10	5,220 10	5,228 25	5,220 10	5,220 10
13. Soldiers' Orphan Institute,	10,403 56	10,587 39	10,228 25	10,171 12	41,390 32
14. Uniontown,	5,370 10	6,081 58	6,386 70	6,641 53	24,489 91
15. White Hall,	7,749 73	7,642 62	7,629 09	7,249 37	30,270 81
	\$80,087 38	\$84,729 94	\$86,678 50	\$87,069 71	\$348,565 53

PAYMENTS MADE TO DIFFERENT INSTITUTIONS—Continued.
Homes that have Received no Appropriations from the State.

HOME.	For quarter ending Au- gust 31, 1876.	For quarter ending No- vember 30, 1876.	For quarter ending Fe- bruary 28, 1877.	For quarter ending Ma- y 31, 1877.	Total amount paid for the year ending May 31, 1877.
1. Catholic Home, Philadelphia,	\$28 75	\$28 75	\$7 75	\$63 25	
2. Children's Home, York,	510 00	517 50	517 50	2,062 50	
3. Church Home, Philadelphia,	286 56	258 75	258 75	1,062 81	
4. Loyalville Orphan Home, Perry,	1,565 31	1,392 32	1,365 94	5,601 09	
5. St. Paul's Orphan Home, Butler,	590 63	841 30	905 31	846 25	
6. St. Vincent's Asylum, Tacony, Philadelphia,	28 75	28 75	28 75	3,183 49	
7. St. Vincent's College, Westmoreland,	28 75	141 91	103 75	95 94	
8. Training School for Feeble-Minded Children,	115 00	111 21	86 25	57 50	
	\$3,153 75	\$3,320 49	\$3,272 00	\$3,070 96	\$12,817 20

PAYMENTS MADE TO DIFFERENT INSTITUTIONS—Continued.
Homes that have Received Appropriations from the State.

HOME.	For quarter ending Augt 31, 1876.	For quarter ending Sept 30, 1876.	For quarter ending Feby 28, 1877.	For quarter ending May 31, 1877.	Total amount paid for the year ending May 31, 1877.
1. Home for the Friendless, Lancaster,	\$225 00	\$150 00	\$131 39	\$125 00	\$631 39
2. Orphan Farm School, Zelienople,	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	100 00
3. Orphans' Home, Germantown,	50 00	50 00	50 00	50 00	200 00
4. Orphans' Home, Rochester,	75 00	75 00	71 38	50 00	271 38
5. Orphans' Home, Womeisdorf,	400 00	421 43	389 44	307 05	1,527 92
6. St. John's Orphan Asylum, Philadelphia,	6 52	6 52
 Homes that have received appropriations,	 \$781 52	 \$721 43	 \$677 21	 \$557 05	 \$2,737 21
Homes that have received no appropriations,	3,153 75	3,320 49	3,272 00	3,070 96	12,817 20
Schools,	90,087 38	84,729 94	86,678 50	87,069 71	348,565 53
 Grand total,	 \$94,022 65	 \$88,771 86	 \$80,627 71	 \$80,697 72	 \$364,119 94

CLOTHING ACCOUNT.

The children are all clothed at the schools; but the Superintendent is required to prescribe the kind of clothing furnished them, and to see that they receive the full amount the law contemplates. The following is the account for the year. In the aggregate it will be seen that the schools expended more money for clothing than the amount received for that purpose from the State. The expenditures are all proven by proper vouchers placed on file in the Department:

SCHOOL.	Amount allowed.	Amount expended.
1. Andersonburg,	\$2,150 54	\$2,157 63
2. Bridgewater,	1,766 88	1,744 06
3. Chester Springs,	3,997 67	3,997 65
4. Dayton,	4,668 51	4,668 51
5. Harford,	4,487 32	4,487 45
6. Lincoln, Institution,	2,095 46	3,951 32
7. Mansfield,	4,777 96	4,780 73
8. McAliserville,	3,974 91	3,975 02
9. Mercer,	7,814 17	8,520 80
10. Mount Joy,	5,369 18	5,379 81
11. Phillipsburg,		
12. Soldiers' Orphan Institute,	6,898 39	13,142 32
13. Uniontown,	4,081 65	4,081 75
14. White Hall,	5,034 80	5,050 22
	\$57,117 44	\$65,937 27

EXPENSES OF DEPARTMENT.

By amount appropriated for incidental expenses,	\$2,750 00
By amount appropriated for inspectors and clerks,	6,400 00
	9,150 00

To amount paid as salaries to inspectors and clerks,	\$6,400 00
To amount paid for postage, telegrams, and express-	
age,	702 69
To amount paid for printing,	100 00
To amount paid for transferring pupils,	27 71
To amount paid for funeral expenses,	300 00
To amount paid for traveling expenses,	1,300 00
To amount paid for furniture and miscellaneous ex-	
penses,	115 41
	8,945 81
Balance unexpended,	\$204 19

OUT-DOOR RELIEF.

The law of 1867 requires the Superintendent, in certain cases, to grant out-door relief, not exceeding thirty dollars to each child, to destitute soldiers' orphans. The following is a statement of what has been done under this provision of law during the past year:-

No.	Name of Child.	Name of Trustee.	Post Office Address of Trustee.	Amount.
1	Barker, Charles S.,	Hon. O. Logan,	Albion, Pa.,	\$16 92
	Barker, Clara M.,	"	"	30 00
	Joslin, Ellsworth E.,	"	"	30 00
	Godfrey, Carrie J.,	"	"	30 00
	Hillyer, Melissa A.,	"	"	30 00
2	Menser, Isaac E.,	Samuel W. Drips,	Armagh, Pa.,	30 00
	Menser, Daniel L.,	"	"	23 14
	Hysong, Amos L.,	"	"	28 14
	Wolf, Margery,	"	"	27 32
3	Ware, Harry E.,	Calvin D. Moser,	Reading, Pa.,	30 00
	Ware, James F.,	"	"	30 00
	Ware, Mary E.,	"	"	30 00
4	Sears, Stephen,	George T. Work,	Buffalo, Pa.,	30 00
	Sears, Sarah J.,	"	"	30 00
5	Reem, M. E.,	Thompson McCrea,	Brush Valley, Pa.,	23 22
	Reem, John E.,	"	"	30 00
6	Kelly, Augusta L.,	W. C. Robinson,	Saltsburg, Pa.,	30 00
	Kelly, Newton C.,	"	"	30 00
7	West, Eliza K.,	L. W. Morgan,	California, Pa.,	29 66
8	Ford, Annie L.,	W. M. Cooper,	Christiana, Pa.,	15 00
	Ford, Annie L.,	John D. Sensenig,	Marticville, Pa.,	15 00
9	Dibble, Norton E.,	Bradley W. Pond,	Conneautville, Pa.,	30 00
10	Rodkey, Elmer A.,	William F. Lydick,	Nolo, Pa.,	30 00
11	Shroy, Emma,	Henry Shroy,	Middletown, Pa.,	24 94
12	Mickrell, S. W.,	Josiah Fee,	Brush Valley, Pa.,	30 00
13	Garris, Francis S.,	Thomas Hart,	Clarksburg, Pa.,	30 00
14	Taylor, John H.,	Mrs. Ann E. Taylor,	Richardsville, Va.,	30 00
15	Gallagher, Emma,	T. W. Baker,	124 N. 7th st., Phila.,	30 00
16	Hamilton, Clara,	J. C. Rush,	Penn Run, Pa.,	30 00
17	Blair, James B.,	Mrs. E. E. Hutter,	614 Race st., Phila.,	30 00
18	Bricker, William H.,	Henry A. Knepley,	609 N. 37th st., Phila.,	30 00
19	McCroy, Isabella I.,	John M. Mack,	Brush Valley, Pa.,	30 00
20	Markley, George A.,	A. R. Barlow,	Port Matilda, Pa.,	30 00
21	McGarr, Clara B.,	W. De Witt,	Harrisburg, Pa.,	30 00
22	Cannon, Francis L.,	H. J. Olmsted,	Coudersport, Pa.,	30 00
23	Gardner, Henry,	Miss Caroline Gardner,	Harrisburg, Pa.,	17 50
24	Patton, Edith E. J.,	B. Shoemaker, M. D.,	Brownsville, Pa.,	30 00
25	Falcomer, Norman E.,	F. M. Kinter,	Black Lick, Pa.,	30 00
26	Douds, Dela J.,	D. S. Robinson,	Saltsburg, Pa.,	30 00
27	Carter, H. R.,	Mrs. Mary R. Welsh,	1122 Spruce st., Phila.,	20 00
28	Hunter, James V. B.,	H. Magill,	Apollo, Pa.,	30 00
29	Shirk, Elizabeth,	Samuel Adams,	Williamsport, Pa.,	30 00
30	Penwell, G. McC.,	George Walters,	Shippenburg, Pa.,	30 00
31	Humphreys, E. H.,	Mrs. R. H. Stubbs,	Wakefield, Pa.,	30 00
32	McNeill, Anna C.,	C. M. Hunt,	North-East, Pa.,	30 00
33	Kelly, Joseph M.,	David White,	Latrobe, Pa.,	14 50
34	Billig, Clara C.,	L. A. Schollenberger,	Reading, Pa.,	15 00
35	Benson, E. A.,	J. B. Warfel,	Lancaster, Pa.,	15 00
36	Shepley, S. J.,	J. M. Means,	Shippensburg, Pa.,	15 00
Total,				
Special act for Mrs. Mary A. Ketler,				
\$1,330 34				
115 00				
\$1,445 34				

ACCOUNT WITH THE STATE NORMAL SCHOOLS.

NAME OF PUPIL.	Post Office of Pupil.	Orphan School dis-charged from.	Normal School sent to.	Date of Entrance.	Date of Leaving.	No. of weeks in school.	Rate charged per week.	Total amount paid.
1 Butter, Emma H.,	Brockwayville, Jefferson county, Pa.,	Dayton,	Indiana,	Sept. 11, 1876	Oct. 24, 1876	6	\$15.00	\$15.00
2 Billig, Clara J.,	Milledgeville, Mercer county, Pa.,	Mercer, do,	do,	Sept. 11, 1876	July 26, 1877	42	2.50	125.00
3 Green, Sarah E.,	Homer City, Indiana county, Pa.,	Dayton,	do,	Sept. 11, 1876	Feb. 22, 1877	24	2.50	72.00
4 Fry, Catherine A.,	Ligonier, Westmoreland county, Pa.,	Womelsdorf, do,	do,	Sept. 11, 1876	July 26, 1877	42	2.50	125.00
5 Fagan, Ella,	Altoona, Blair county, Pa.,	Soldiers Orph. Inst., do,	do,	Sept. 11, 1876	July 26, 1877	42	2.50	125.00
6 Ophilia, Lulu,	Harrisville, Butler county, Pa.,	Mercer, do,	do,	Sept. 11, 1876	July 26, 1877	42	2.50	125.00
7 Little, Annie M.,	Pennsylvania, Jefferson county, Pa.,	Dayton,	do,	Sept. 11, 1876	July 26, 1877	42	2.50	125.00
8 Carson, Ella M.,	Red Bank, Clarion county, Pa.,	Phillipsburg, do,	do,	Sept. 11, 1876	Feb. 22, 1877	24	2.50	72.00
9 Ewing, Mallina M.,	Cunningham, Clarion county, Pa.,	do,	do,	Sept. 11, 1876	Feb. 22, 1877	24	2.50	72.00
10 Brunner, Bella E.,	No. 138, Wyllie street, Pittsburgh, Pa.,	Dayton,	do,	Sept. 11, 1876	July 26, 1877	42	2.50	125.00
11 Griffin, Mary,	Jacksonville, Indiana county, Pa.,	White Hall, do,	do,	Sept. 12, 1876	July 26, 1877	42	2.50	125.00
12 Poor, Mary,	Ray's Hill, Bedford county, Pa.,	Phillipsburg, do,	do,	Sept. 13, 1876	July 26, 1877	42	2.50	125.00
13 Painteron, Cornelia A.,	Homer City, Indiana county, Pa.,	Dayton,	do,	Sept. 13, 1876	Feb. 22, 1877	24	2.50	72.00
14 Rader, Louis,	Penneyville, Armstrong county, Pa.,	do,	do,	Sept. 13, 1876	July 26, 1877	42	2.50	125.00
15 Johnston, Linda D.,	Mercer, Mercer county, Pa.,	Merrierville, do,	do,	Sept. 15, 1876	Feb. 22, 1877	24	2.50	72.00
16 Heath, Clara,	Tionesta, Forest county, Pa.,	Merrierville, do,	do,	Sept. 16, 1876	Feb. 22, 1877	24	2.50	72.00
17 Gearhardt, Minerva P.,	Worthville, Jefferson county, Pa.,	Dayton,	do,	Sept. 17, 1876	July 26, 1877	42	2.50	125.00
18 Kennertling, Ella E.,	Altoona, Blair county, Pa.,	McAlisterville, do,	do,	Sept. 21, 1876	Dec. 18, 1876	12	3.00	36.00
19 Jones, Catherine,	Brady's Bond, Armstrong county, Pa.,	Phillipsburg, do,	do,	Sept. 21, 1876	Dec. 18, 1876	12	3.00	36.00
20 Long, Elizabeth,	Huntingdon, Pa.,	Mc Joy, do,	do,	Oct. 10, 1876	July 26, 1877	36	3.00	108.00
21 Myers, Annie M.,	Dunansville, Blair county, Pa.,	Shippenburg, do,	do,	Sept. 4, 1876	July 26, 1877	42	2.50	125.00
22 Brooks, Amanda,	Marietta, Lancaster county, Pa.,	Mc Alisterville, do,	do,	Sept. 4, 1876	July 26, 1877	42	2.50	125.00
23 Kline, Alice,	Shepherdstown, Cumberland co., Pa.,	Mt. Joy, do,	do,	Sept. 4, 1876	July 26, 1877	42	2.50	125.00
24 Hammel, Anna M.,	Winfield, Union county, Pa.,	White Hall, do,	do,	Sept. 4, 1876	July 26, 1877	42	2.50	125.00
25 Beaverlin, Anna E.,	Mechanicsburg, Cumberland co., Pa.,	do,	do,	Sept. 4, 1876	Mar. 23, 1877	28	3.00	84.00
26 Moreland, Margaret,	Gettysburg, Adams county, Pa.,	do,	do,	Sept. 4, 1876	Feb. 26, 1877	24	3.00	72.00
27 Indley, Celeste A.,	Liberty, Tioga county, Pa.,	Lorsville, do,	do,	Sept. 4, 1876	July 6, 1877	42	3.00	125.00
28 Nelson, Anna C.,	Mansfield, Tioga county, Pa.,	Mansfield, do,	do,	Sept. 4, 1876	June 26, 1877	42	3.00	125.00
29 Blanchard, Adeline,	Canton, Bradford county, Pa.,	do,	do,	Sept. 4, 1876	June 26, 1877	42	3.00	125.00
30 Watts, Mary,	Tioga, Tioga county, Pa.,	do,	do,	Sept. 4, 1876	Dec. 1, 1877	42	3.00	125.00
31 Hall, Aney E.,	Bridgewater, Bucks county, Pa.,	do,	do,	Sept. 25, 1876	Oct. 27, 1877	5	3.00	15.00
32 Miller, Susie R.,	Wrightsville, York county, Pa.,	Bridgewater, do,	do,	Sept. 15, 1876	July 5, 1877	42	4.00	168.00
33 Fishbaugh, Margaret,	Le March Chunk, Carbon county, Pa.,	Kutztown, do,	do,	Sept. 25, 1876	July 15, 1877	42	4.00	168.00
34 Kerns, Catharine,	Chester Springs, Chester county, Pa.,	do,	do,	Sept. 15, 1876	Oct. 10, 1877	36	3.00	108.00
35 Woodward, Carrie G.,	Chester Springs, Chester county, Pa.,	West Chester, do,	do,	Sept. 25, 1876	May 16, 1877	35	3.00	105.00
36 Hart, Martha A.,	Greenfield, Taylor street, Pittsburg, Pa.,	Sagamore, do,	do,	Sept. 30, 1876	June 30, 1877	42	3.00	125.00
37 Connally, Emma A.,	Greenfield, Washington county, Pa.,	do,	do,	Sept. 25, 1876	Feb. 26, 1877	22	3.00	66.00
38 Malick, Eva J.,	California, Washington county, Pa.,	do,	do,	Sept. 18, 1876	Aug. 17, 1877	24	3.00	72.00
39 Malone, Louis,	Brownsville, Fayette county, Pa.,	do,	do,	Sept. 18, 1876	Aug. 17, 1877	42	3.00	125.00
40 Patton, Henrietta,	Troy Centre, Crawford county, Pa.,	do,	do,	Sept. 18, 1876	Feb. 26, 1877	22	3.00	66.00
41 Truxall, Mary B.,	Homewood, Beaver county, Pa.,	Merces, do,	do,	Sept. 18, 1876	Aug. 17, 1877	42	3.00	125.00
42 Graham, Ida,	Philipsburg, do,	Edinboro', do,	do,	Sept. 21, 1876	June 26, 1877	46	3.00	138.00
43								138.71
44								44 4-7

ACCOUNT WITH THE STATE NORMAL SCHOOLS—Continued.

No.	Name of Pupil.	Post Office of Pupil.	Orphan School discharged from.	Normal School sent to.	Date of Entrance.	Date of Leaving.	Rate charged per week.	Total amount paid.
45	McCaslin, Lydia L.,	Wheatland, Mercer county, Pa.,	Mercer,	Edinboro',	Aug. 14, 1876	June 29, 1877	48 1-7	129 42
46	Hummer, Rachel A.,	Titusville, Crawford county, Pa.,	do.	do.	Aug. 11, 1876	June 29, 1877	48 4-7	130 71
47	Nelson, Sarah N.,	Cadiz, Harrison county, Ohio,	Philipsburg,	do.	Mar. 6, 1877	May 3, 1877	8 2-7	30 00
48	Klinic, Mary R.,	Troy Centre, Crawford county, Pa.,	Mercer,	do.	Aug. 25, 1876	Nov. 17, 1876	12	36 00
49	Dubile, Mary F.,	Connellsville, Crawford county, Pa.,	do.	Aug. 14, 1876	Nov. 11, 1876	12 4-7	40 71	
50	Seddin, Clara J.,	Titusville, Crawford county, Pa.,	Titusville,	do.	Aug. 14, 1876	Nov. 11, 1876	13 4-7	40 71
51	Eakin, Mary E.,	Piump, Venango county, Pa.,	Mercer,	do.	Aug. 14, 1876	Mar. 13, 1877	3 00	40 71
52	Klinic, Sarah E.,	Troy Centre, Crawford county, Pa.,	do.	do.	Aug. 25, 1876	Feb. 26, 1877	27 1-7	81 43
53	Frazier, Marda F.,	Connellsville, Crawford county, Pa.,	do.	do.	Aug. 25, 1876	Feb. 26, 1877	22 1-7	66 42
54	Kirkpatrick, Annie D.,	Huntingdon, Pa.,	McAllisterville,	do.	Aug. 14, 1876	Mar. 9, 1877	29 4-7	88 71
55	Wright, Anna E.,	No. 175, Norwood street, Philad'a.,	Soldiers' Orph. Inst.,	Millersville,	Sept. 11, 1876	July 19, 1877	42	126 00
56	Crooks, Jennie,	Newport, Perry county, Pa.,	McAllisterville,	do.	Sept. 11, 1876	July 18, 1877	42	126 00
57	Kelly, Ella J.,	Twenty-third and Parish sts., Philad'a.,	Soldiers' Orph. Inst.,	do.	Sept. 11, 1876	July 18, 1877	42	126 00
58	Clifton, Dora A.,	Allentown, Lehigh county, Pa.,	do.	do.	Sept. 11, 1876	Mar. 8, 1877	23	78 00
59	Hummell, Jenille E.,	Glen Riddle, Delaware county, Pa.,	do.	do.	Sept. 11, 1876	Mar. 8, 1877	23	78 00
60	Dougherty, Sarah,	No. 260B, Madison avenue, Philad'a.,	do.	do.	Sept. 11, 1876	Nov. 29, 1876	12	36 00
61	Mathews, Annie M.,	Glen Hope, Clearfield county, Pa.,	Andersonburg,	do.	do.	April 2, 1877	16	48 00
62	Weaver, Sarah E.,	Marietta, Lancaster county, Pa.,	Mt. Joy,	do.	do.	April 2, 1877	16	48 00
63	Snader, Mary C.,	Port Royal Junta county, Pa.,	McAllisterlco., Pa.,	Bloomsburg,	Aug. 26, 1877	July 18, 1877	42	126 00
64	Culp, Margaret J.,	Union Corner, Northumberland co., Pa.,	Mt. Joy,	do.	do.	April 2, 1877	13	36 00
To unpaid balance for term ending June 28, 1875,								68 25
Total sum,								\$5,883 98

ACCOUNT WITH THE STATE NORMAL SCHOOLS.

• NAME OF PUPIL.		Post Office of Pupil.		Orphan School dis- charged from.		Normal School sent to.		Date of Entrance.		Date of Leaving.		No. of weeks in school.	Rate ch'd per week.	Total amount paid.
1 Butler, Effie H.,	•	Brockwayville, Jefferson county, Pa.,	Milledgeville, Mercer county, Pa.,	Dayton,	Mercer,	Indiana,		Sept. 11, 1876	Oct. 24, 1876	6	\$3 00	\$18 00		
2 Billig, Clara J.,		Home City, Indiana county, Pa.,	Dayton,	do.	do.	Sept. 11, 1876	July 26, 1877	42	3 00	126 00				
3 Green, Sarah E.,		Ligonier, Westmoreland county, Pa.,	Womelsdorff,	do.	do.	Sept. 11, 1876	Feb. 22, 1877	24	3 00	72 00				
4 Fry, Catherine A.,		Altoona, Blair county, Pa.,	Mercers Orph. Inst.,	do.	do.	Sept. 11, 1876	July 26, 1877	42	3 00	126 00				
5 Razan, Elia,		Harrisville, Butler county, Pa.,	Mercer,	do.	do.	Sept. 11, 1876	July 26, 1877	42	3 00	126 00				
6 Quillih, Lulin		Punxsutawney, Jefferson county, Pa.,	Dayton,	do.	do.	Sept. 11, 1876	July 26, 1877	42	3 00	126 00				
7 Little, Annie M.,		Cunningham, Clarion county, Pa.,	Philipsburg,	do.	do.	Sept. 11, 1876	Feb. 22, 1877	24	3 00	72 00				
8 Carson, Ella M.,		No. 138, Wylie street, Pittsburgh, Pa.,	do.	do.	do.	Sept. 11, 1876	July 26, 1877	42	3 00	126 00				
9 Ewing, Matilda M.,		Jacksonville, Indiana county, Pa.,	Dayton,	do.	do.	Sept. 12, 1876	July 26, 1877	42	3 00	126 00				
10 Brunner, Bella E.,		Ray's Hill, Bedford county, Pa.,	White Hall,	do.	do.	Sept. 13, 1876	July 26, 1877	42	3 00	126 00				
11 Griffin, Mary,		Homer City, Indiana county, Pa.,	Philippsburg,	do.	do.	Sept. 13, 1876	Feb. 22, 1877	24	3 00	72 00				
12 Foer, Mary,		Patryeville, Armstrong county, Pa.,	Dayton,	do.	do.	Sept. 13, 1876	July 26, 1877	42	3 00	126 00				
13 Pinkerton, Cornelia A.,		Heidelberg, Franklin county, Pa.,	Mercer,	do.	do.	Sept. 13, 1876	Feb. 22, 1877	24	3 00	72 00				
14 Rader, Louisa,		Tionesta, Forest county, Pa.,	Titusville,	do.	do.	Sept. 13, 1876	Feb. 22, 1877	24	3 00	72 00				
15 Heath, Clara,		Worthville, Jefferson county, Pa.,	Dayton,	do.	do.	Sept. 22, 1876	July 26, 1877	42	3 00	126 00				
16 Gearhardt, Ella E.,		Altoona, Blair county, Pa.,	McAlisterville,	do.	do.	Sept. 22, 1876	Dec. 18, 1876	12	3 00	36 00				
17 Kemmerling, Ella E.,		Gentryburg, Armstrong county, Pa.,	Phillipsburg,	do.	do.	Sept. 19, 1876	July 26, 1877	36	3 00	108 00				
18 Jones, Catherine,		Huntingdon, Pa.,	Mt. Joy,	do.	do.	Sept. 14, 1876	July 26, 1877	36	3 00	108 00				
19 Long, Elizabeth,		Duncansville, Blair county, Pa.,	McAlisterville,	do.	do.	Sept. 14, 1876	July 26, 1877	36	3 00	108 00				
20 Myers, Annie M.,		Marietta, Lancaster county, Pa.,	Mt. Joy,	do.	do.	Sept. 14, 1876	July 26, 1877	36	3 00	108 00				
21 Brooks, Amanda,		Shippenburgh, Cambria county, Pa.,	White Hall,	do.	do.	Sept. 14, 1876	July 26, 1877	36	3 00	108 00				
22 Kline, Alice,		Winfield, Union county, Pa.,	do.	do.	do.	Sept. 14, 1876	July 26, 1877	36	3 00	108 00				
23 Hummel, Amanda M.,		Wrightsville, Cumberland co., Pa.,	Lorsville,	do.	do.	Sept. 14, 1876	July 26, 1877	36	3 00	108 00				
24 Beaverson, Ella,		Mechanicsburg, Adams county, Pa.,	Manfield,	do.	do.	Sept. 14, 1876	July 26, 1877	36	3 00	108 00				
25 Moreland, Margaret,		Gentryburg, Adams county, Pa.,	Mansfield,	do.	do.	Sept. 14, 1876	July 26, 1877	36	3 00	108 00				
26 Duhler, Celeste A.,		Iberity, Tioga, county, Pa.,	do.	do.	do.	Aug. 30, 1876	Aug. 30, 1876	42	3 00	126 00				
27 Helbom, Anna C.,		Mansfield, Tioga county, Pa.,	do.	do.	do.	Aug. 30, 1876	Aug. 30, 1876	42	3 00	126 00				
28 Blanchard, Adelle,		Canton, Bradford county, Pa.,	do.	do.	do.	Sept. 25, 1876	Oct. 27, 1876	42	3 00	126 00				
29 Wattis, Mary,		Tioga, Tioga county, Pa.,	do.	do.	do.	Sept. 15, 1876	July 5, 1877	42	3 00	126 00				
30 Hall, Aunty E.,		Bridgewater, Bucks county, Pa.,	do.	do.	do.	Sept. 15, 1876	July 5, 1877	42	4 00	168 00				
31 Miller, Susie R.,		Wrightsville, York county, Pa.,	do.	do.	do.	Sept. 15, 1876	July 15, 1877	42	4 00	168 00				
32 Kishbaugh, Margaret,		E. March Chunk, Cathion county, Pa.,	Chester Springs,	do.	do.	Aug. 15, 1876	Oct. 10, 1876	3	3 00	24 00				
33 Kerns, Catherine,		Chester Springs, Chester county, Pa.,	West Chester, do.	do.	do.	Aug. 26, 1876	June 30, 1877	42	3 00	126 00				
34 Woodward, Carrie G.,		Greenfield, Taylor street, Pittsburgh, Pa.,	Sagamore,	do.	do.	Sept. 18, 1876	Feb. 26, 1877	22	3 00	66 00				
35 Connally, Emma A.,		Greencastle, Washington county, Pa.,	Uniontown,	do.	do.	Sept. 18, 1876	Auk. 17, 1877	24	3 00	72 00				
36 Malick, Eva J.,		California, Washington county, Pa.,	do.	do.	do.	Sept. 18, 1876	Auk. 17, 1877	22	3 00	66 00				
37 Malone, Louis,		Brownsville, Fayette county, Pa.,	do.	do.	do.	Sept. 18, 1876	Feb. 26, 1877	22	3 00	72 00				
38 Patterson, Henrietta,		Troy Centre, Crawford county, Pa.,	do.	do.	do.	Sept. 18, 1876	Aug. 11, 1877	42	3 00	126 00				
39 Graham, Mary E.,		Homewood, Beaver county, Pa.,	Edinboro', do.	do.	do.	Aug. 11, 1877	June 23, 1877	44	3 00	138 71				
40 Graham, Idia,		Philadelphia, Pa.,	Edinboro', do.	do.	do.	Aug. 11, 1877	June 23, 1877	44	3 00	138 71				

ACCOUNT WITH THE STATE NORMAL SCHOOLS—Continued.

No.	Name of Pupil.	Post Office of Pupil.	Orphan School discharged from.	Normal School sent to.	Date of Entrance.	Date of Leaving.	No. of weeks in school.	Rate chg'd per week.	Total amount paid.
45	McCaslin, Lydia L.,	Wheatland, Mercer county, Pa.,	Mercer,	Edinboro',	AUG. 14, 1876	JUNE 26, 1877	48 1-7	3 00	129 42
46	Hummer, Rachel A.,	Titusville, Crawford county, Pa.,	do,	do,	Aug. 11, 1876	JUNE 26, 1877	45 4-7	3 00	130 71
47	Nelson, Sarah N.,	Cadiz Harrison county, Ohio	Phillipsburg,	Mar., 6, 1877	May 3, 1877	8 2-7	3 00	24 56	
48	Kinnic, Mary R.,	Troy Centre, Crawford county, Pa.,	Mercer,	do,	Aug. 26, 1876	Nov. 17, 1876	12	3 00	36 00
49	Diddin, Mary F.,	Conneautville Crawford county, Pa.,	do,	do,	Aug. 14, 1876	Nov. 11, 1876	13 4-7	3 00	40 71
50	Seidlin, Clara J.,	Titusville, Crawford county, Pa.,	Titusville,	do,	Aug. 14, 1876	Nov. 17, 1876	13 4-7	3 00	40 71
51	Eakin, Mary E.,	Pitumb, Venango county, Pa.,	Mercer,	do,	Aug. 14, 1876	Mar. 13, 1877	27 1-7	3 00	81 43
52	Kinnic, Sarah E.,	Troy Centre, Crawford county, Pa.,	do,	do,	Aug. 25, 1876	Feb. 26, 1877	22 1-7	3 00	68 42
53	Frazier, Marcia F.,	Connenautville, Crawford county, Pa.,	do,	Auk. 14, 1876	Mar. 9, 1877	29 4-7	3 00	88 71	
54	Kirkpatrick, Annie D.,	Huntingdon, Pa.,	McAllisterville,	Sept. 11, 1876	July 16, 1877	42	3 00	126 60	
55	Wright, Anna E.,	No. 175, Norwood street, Philad'l'a.,	Soldiers Orph. Inst.,	do,	Sept. 11, 1876	July 16, 1877	42	3 00	126 60
56	Crooks, Jennie,	Newport, Perry county, Pa.,	McAllisterville,	do,	Sept. 11, 1876	July 19, 1877	42	3 00	126 00
57	Kelly, Ella J.,	Twenty-third and Parish ts., Philad'l'a.,	Soldiers Orph. Inst.,	do,	Sept. 11, 1876	Mar. 8, 1877	26	3 00	78 00
58	Clifton, Dora A.,	Allentown, Lehigh county, Pa.,	do,	do,	Sept. 11, 1876	Mar. 8, 1877	26	3 00	78 00
59	Hummell, Jenlie E.,	Glen Riddle, Delaware county, Pa.,	do,	do,	Sept. 11, 1876	Mar. 8, 1877	26	3 00	78 00
60	Dougherty, Sarah,	No. 240, Madison avenue, Philad'l'a.,	do,	do,	Sept. 11, 1876	Nov. 23, 1876	12	3 00	36 00
61	Matthews, Annie M.,	Glen Hope, Clearfield county, Pa.,	Andersonburg,	do,	April 2, 1877	July 18, 1877	16	3 00	48 00
62	Weaver, Sarah E.,	Marietta, Lancaster county, Pa.,	Mt. Joy,	do,	April 2, 1877	July 18, 1877	16	3 00	48 00
63	Shaffer, Margaret C.,	Port Royal Juniata county, Pa.,	Bloomsburg,	do,	Aug. 26, 1877	June 28, 1877	42	3 00	126 00
64	Child, Margaret J.,	Union Corner, Northumberland co., Pa.,	Mt. Joy,	do,	April 2, 1877	June 28, 1877	13	3 00	39 00
		To unpaid balance for term ending June 29, 1875,							68 25
		Total sum,							\$5,983 98

PAYMENTS TO STATE NORMAL SCHOOLS.

No.	NAME OF SCHOOL.	Date of payment on account.	Amount paid.	Date of payment in full.	Amount paid.	Total.
1	Bloomsburg,	Aug. 28, 1876	\$25 50	Dec. 22, 1876	\$93 75	\$119 25
	Bloomsburg,	Jan. 2, 1877	18 00	March 23, 1877	18 00	36 00
	Bloomsburg,	April 25, 1877	39 00	May 31, 1877	39 00	78 00
2	Bridgewater,	Sept. 1, 1876	168 00	May 18, 1877	168 00	336 00
3	Edinboro'	Aug. 15, 1876	200 00	Nov. 17, 1876	193 40	393 40
	Edinboro'			March 9, 1877	315 00	315 00
	Edinboro'	March 27, 1877	100 00	March 29, 1877	102 28	202 28
4	Indiana,	Sept. 11, 1876	670 00	Feb. 22, 1877	590 00	1,260 00
	Indiana,	March 26, 1877	297 00	May 19, 1877	297 00	594 00
5	Kutztown,			Dec. 15, 1876	24 00	24 00
6	Mansfield,	Aug. 30, 1876	63 00	Dec. 1, 1876	78 00	141 00
	Mansfield,			March 22, 1877	84 00	84 00
	Mansfield,	March 27, 1877	42 00	May 17, 1877	42 00	84 00
7	Millersville,			March 8, 1877	504 00	504 00
	Millersville,	May 17, 1877	120 00	May 31, 1877	120 00	240 00
8	Sagamore,	Sept. 18, 1876	165 00	Feb. 26, 1877	165 00	330 00
	Sagamore,	March 26, 1877	60 00	May 25, 1877	66 00	126 00
9	Shippensburg,	Sept. 4, 1876	168 00	Dec. 22, 1876	168 00	336 00
	Shippensburg,	Jan. 2, 1877	126 00	March 23, 1877	114 00	240 00
	Shippensburg,	April 16, 1877	105 00	May 17, 1877	105 00	210 00
10	West Chester,	Aug. 28, 1877	84 00	March 16, 1877	84 00	168 00
	West Chester,	March 26, 1877	42 00	May 17, 1877	21 00	63 00
			\$2,516 50		\$3,367 43	\$5,883 93
	Excess of last year's appropriation paid,					261 68
	Total amount expended,					\$6,145 61

ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1878.

The appropriations which it is estimated will be necessary for the year ending May 31, 1878, are as follow:

For general expenses,	\$350,000 00
For expenses of Department,	10,000 00

GENERAL STATEMENTS.

Statement 1.—Statistics of Orphan Schools and Homes.
SCHOOLS.

Schools.	County.	Principal.	Orders issued.	Number admitted on order.	Total number transferred to.	Number transferred from school.	Number discharged on discharge.	Number discharged on discharge.	Males.	Females.	Total both sexes.	No. IN SCHOOL MAY 31, 1877.
1. Andersonburg,	Perry,	W. H. Hall,	243	187	18	205	38	65	16	5	37	44
2. Bridgewater,	Bucks,	J. Stitzer,	242	224	28	252	3	118	39	26	37	29
3. Chester Springs,	Chester,	Mrs. E. H. Moore,	319	281	340	621	35	311	100	5	105	66
4. Dayton,	Armstrong,	H. McCandless,	486	418	192	610	17	335	59	4	111	170
5. Hartford,	Susquehanna,	H. S. Sweet,	495	451	125	576	25	263	56	13	102	84
6. Industrial School,	Philadelphia,	J. F. Woods,	6	4	23	4	15	4	2	2	2	2
7. Lincoln Institution,	Philadelphia,	Miss M. McHenry, Dir's,	234	209	48	546	19	85	39	6	108	108
8. Mansfield,	Tioga,	F. A. Allen,	489	454	92	546	5	254	52	5	132	98
9. McAlisterville,	Junia,	W. Bogie,	624	547	246	793	112	343	163	17	100	68
10. Mercer,	Mercer,	H. R. Stewart,	523	479	122	601	13	215	30	8	175	160
11. Mount Joy,	Lancaster,	J. Kennedy,	592	538	277	815	80	372	136	7	122	98
12. Phillipsburg,	Beaver,	W. G. Taylor,	441	362	248	610	226	245	135	4	112	220
13. Soldiers' Orphan Institute,	Philadelphia,	A. Harshberger,	719	669	31	700	90	172	131	13	182	294
14. Uniontown,	Fayette,	A. H. Waters,	400	360	193	553	10	237	112	6	110	188
15. White Hall,	Cumberland,	J. A. Moore,	458	408	283	691	26	297	143	15	139	71
16. Schools discontinued,	2,539	2,190	406	2,596	1,616	512	429	40	12	2	17	36
17. Partial relief, and other cases,				719	719	669	12	19				
8,790	8,500	2,672	11,172	2,318	4,538	1,646	178	1,477	1,015	2,482		

Statement 1—Continued.
HOMES.

HOMES.	LOCATION.	Orders issued.	Number admitted on or- der.	Number transferred to Total number received into school.	Number transferred from Number discharged on age.	Number discharged on order of disbarred.	Males.	Females.	Total both sexes.	NUMBER IN SCHOOL, MAY 31, 1877.
1. Catholic Home,	Philadelphia,	34	27	29	2	13	13	1	8	10
2. Children's Home,	York,	101	79	83	6	8	14	1	9	9
3. Church Home,	Philadelphia,	55	44	55	14	17	14	6	3	4
4. Home for Friendless,	Lancaster,	198	169	187	151	8	15	6	28	15
5. Louisville Orphan Home,	Perry,	278	226	263	162	39	17	2	1	43
6. Orphans' Farm School,	Butler county,	4	4	4	1	2	1	1	1	1
7. Orphans' Home,	Germanstown,	71	62	73	57	1	13	4	1	2
8. Orphans' Home,	Rochester,	7	7	7	1	4	4	1	1	2
9. Orphans' Home,	Womelsdorf,	124	112	127	45	43	27	1	6	11
10. St. John's Orphan Asylum,	Philadelphia,	59	48	58	5	10	33	5	6	11
11. St. Paul's Orphan Home,	Butler,	52	51	72	5	23	14	1	16	29
12. St. Vincent's Asylum,	Tacony, Phila.,	17	16	16	12	10	6	1	3	13
13. St. Vincent's College,	Westmoreland,	6	4	8	3	6	1	1	1	3
14. Training School for Feeble Minded Children,	Delaware county,	6	4	8	12	1	8	1	1	2
Total for Homes,		1,012	853	140	893	498	190	161	17	66
Total for Schools,		8,790	8,500	2,672	11,172	2,318	4,538	1,846	178	1,477
Total for both,		9,802	9,353	2,812	12,165	2,816	4,728	1,807	195	1,543
										1,076
										2,619

Statement II.
SHOWING THE PROGRESS AND WORKING OF THE SYSTEM FROM ITS COMMENCEMENT.

	1865.	1866.	1867.	(6 m.) 1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.	Total.
Accepted applications received,	1,848	1,697	1,095	436	687	483	465	398	361	418	507	665	627	9,687
Orders issued,	1,582	1,779	736	467	495	562	724	653	446	412	460	674	566	9,569
Admissions to school,	1,242	1,575	630	613	549	544	648	628	527	520	482	722	724	9,304
Discharges on order,	17	57	31	102	100	231	91	224	252	186	191	147	154	1,783
Discharges on age,			48	85	122	263	400	437	462	519	515	592	607	657
Deaths,					18	24	15	20	23	21	9	15	11	22
Number in school at the close of year,	1,226	2,681	3,180	3,431	3,631	3,526	3,607	3,527	3,261	3,071	2,788	2,729	2,619	

Statement III.**SHOWING THE WHOLE NUMBER OF ORDERS ISSUED FOR THE ADMISSION
OF CHILDREN FROM EACH COUNTY.**

The whole number of accepted applications received to May 31, 1877, was 9,687. Of these 119 remain on file, as shown by the last table, and the remaining 9,568 have been issued as follows:

Adams, 44; Allegheny, 392; Armstrong, 277; Beaver, 120; Bedford, 138; Berks, 120; Blair, 264; Bradford, 248; Bucks, 66; Butler, 114; Cambria, 127; Cameron, 5; Carbon, 39; Centre, 235; Chester, 168; Clarion, 221; Clearfield, 79; Clinton, 43; Columbia, 104; Crawford, 187; Cumberland, 132; Dauphin, 272; Delaware, 51; Elk, 10; Erie, 91; Fayette, 191; Forest, 10; Franklin, 86; Fulton, 22; Greene, 16; Huntingdon, 185; Indiana, 231; Jefferson, 179; Juniata, 87; Lancaster, 374; Lawrence, 135; Lebanon, 62; Lehigh, 137; Luzerne, 235; Lycoming, 173; Mercer, 219; McKean, 37; Mifflin, 119; Monroe, 61; Montgomery, 80; Montour, 90; Northampton, 69; Northumberland, 106; Perry, 230; Philadelphia, 1,331; Pike, 13; Potter, 76; Schuylkill, 153; Snyder, 46; Somerset, 42; Sullivan, 21; Susquehanna, 148; Tioga, 291; Union, 62; Venango, 128; Warren, 54; Washington, 115; Wayne, 69; Westmoreland, 124; Wyoming, 78; York, 136.

Statement IV.**SHOWING THE DENOMINATIONAL PARENTAGE OF CHILDREN.**

Of 2,619 children actually in school May 31, 1877, the fathers of 2,222 are reported as members of some church, leaving 397 unconnected with church, or not reported. Of 2,222 thus reported, there were of Methodist parentage, 891; Lutheran, 316; Presbyterian, 295; United Presbyterian, 19; Baptist 145; Episcopal, 106; Catholic, 63; German Reformed, 116; Disciple 23; Church of God, 18; United Brethren, 56; Tunkers, 7; Congregationalists, 2; Albrights, 3; Evangelical, 26; Protestants, (probably not intended to represent any particular denomination,) 121; Universalists, 5; Friends, 5; Puritan, 3; Unitarian, 2.

STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE SYSTEM LAST YEAR.

Statement V.
SHOWING APPLICATIONS BY COUNTIES.

NAMES OF COUNTIES.	On file June 1 1876.	Received during year.		Remaining on file June 1, 1877.
		Issued during year.	Received during year.	
1. Adams,	3	3	3	
2. Allegheny,	15	16	16	2
3. Armstrong,	11	11	11	
4. Beaver,	8	8	8	
5. Bedford,	5	5	5	
6. Berks,	3	1	4	
7. Blair,	1	9	8	2
8. Bradford,	1	68	48	21
9. Bucks,	1	·	·	1
10. Butler,	4	3	3	1
11. Cambria.	·	·	·	
12. Cameron.	·	·	·	
13. Carbon,	·	2	2	
14. Centre,	·	5	5	
15. Chester,	·	1	1	
16. Clarion,	·	10	8	2
17. Clearfield,	·	6	4	2
18. Clinton.	·	·	·	
19. Columbia,	2	3	3	
20. Crawford,	8	9	9	1
21. Cumberland,	6	6	6	
22. Dauphin,	1	18	17	2
23. Delaware,	·	2	2	
24. Elk,	·	1	1	
25. Erie,	·	7	7	
26. Fayette,	·	6	6	
27. Forest.	·	·	·	
28. Franklin,	·	7	7	
29. Fulton.	·	·	·	
30. Greene.	·	·	·	
31. Huntingdon,	·	4	3	1
32. Indiana,	24	23	9	1
33. Jefferson,	10	9	1	
34. Juniata,	2	4	5	1
35. Lancaster,	·	10	8	2
36. Lawrence,	1	15	14	2
37. Lebanon,	·	5	5	
38. Lehigh.	·	4	4	
39. Luzerne,	·	25	20	5
40. Lycoming,	·	4	3	1
41. Mercer,	3	15	16	2
42. McKean,	·	2	2	
43. Mifflin,	·	13	10	3
44. Monroe,	·	1	1	
45. Montgomery,	2	6	7	1
46. Montour,	·	8	7	
47. Northampton,	·	6	6	
48. Northumberland,	·	2	2	
49. Perry,	1	14	15	
50. Philadelphia,	85	96	108	28
51. Pike,	·	6	6	
52. Potter,	·	2	2	
53. Schuylkill,	·	10	6	4

Statement V—Continued.

NAMES OF COUNTIES.	On file June 1, 1876.	Received during year.		Remaining on file June 1, 1877.
		Issued during year.	Received during year.	
54. Snyder,		1	1	
55. Somerset,	9	7	2	
56. Sullivan.				
57. Susquehanna,	1	10	2	
58. Tioga,	1	79	25	
59. Union.				
60. Venango,		2	3	
61. Warren,		4	4	
62. Washington,		13	4	
63. Wayne,	8	9	4	
64. Westmoreland.				
65. Wyoming,		4	1	
66. York,	5	5		1
Total,	58	627	566	119

Statement VI.
SHOWING DISCHARGES AND DEATHS.
SCHOOLS.

SCHOOLS.	Number discharged on account for year ending May 31, 1877.	Number discharged on order for year ending May 31, 1877.	Number of deaths for year ending May 31, 1877.	
			Number discharged on account for year ending May 31, 1877.	Number of deaths for year ending May 31, 1877.
1. Andersonburg,	18	2		
2. Bridgewater,	13	6		
3. Chester Springs,	31	16		
4. Dayton,	60	7		
5. Harford,	46	3		
6. Industrial School,	2			
7. Lincoln Institution,	17	3		
8. Mansfield,	47	11		
9. McAliserville,	32	12		
10. Mercer,	69	5		
11. Mount Joy,	53	24		
12. Philipsburg,	15	17		
13. Soldiers' Orph. Inst. in connection with Northern Home,	49	10		
14. Uniontown,	44	16		
15. White Hall,	33	10		
16. Partial relief, and other cases,	91	6		
	620	148		22

Statement VI—Continued.

HOMES.

HOMES.

	Number discharged on age for year end- ing May 31, 1877.	Number discharged on order for year ending May 31, 1877.	Number of deaths for year ending May 31, 1877.
1. Catholic Home, Philadelphia,	1		
2. Children's Home, York.			
3. Church Home, Philadelphia,	2		
4. Home for Friendless, Lancaster,	1		
5. Loysville Orphan Home,	19	2	
6. Zelienople Farm School.			
7. Orphans' Home, Germantown,		1	
8. Orphans' Home, Rochester.			
9. Orphans' Home, Wormelsdorf,	5	2	
10. St. John's Orphan Asylum,		1	
11. St. Paul's Orphan Home,	6		
12. St. Vincent's Asylum,	1		
13. St. Vincent's College.			
14. Training School for Feeble Minded Children,	2		
Total homes,	37	6	
Total schools,	620	148	22
	657	154	22

SHOWING NUMBER OF TEACHERS IN EACH SCHOOL; NUMBER OF PUPILS IN EACH CLASS, AND GRADE; AND WHOLE NUMBER OF PUPILS IN EACH SCHOOL AT THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR, JULY, 1877.

SCHOOLS.	TEACHERS.				FIRST GRADE.				SECOND GRADE.				THIRD GRADE.				
	Male.		Female.		No. in class.				No. in class.				No. in class.				
	A.	B.	C.	D.	Total.	A.	B.	C.	D.	A.	B.	C.	D.	A.	B.	C.	D.
1. Andersonburg,																	
2. Bridgewater,	2	2	2	4	2	15	15	15		15	15	15					15
3. Chester Springs,	3	2	5	11	23	34	12	11	4	13	12	14	19	19	19	19	10
4. Dayton,	2	3	5	11	21	11	5	5	4	9	20	19	19	19	19	19	33
5. Hartford,	2	3	5	17	24	24	24	24	17	48	23	18	18	18	18	18	39
6. Industrial School,	6	6	6	6													41
7. Lincoln Institution,	1	2	3	3	23	15	22	22	4	21	21	21	5	5	5	5	5
8. Mansfield,		2	5	12	8	8	28	25	24	17	11	11	53	53	53	53	34
9. McAlisterville,	3	2	5	7	12	17	8	18	55	13	11	19	62	62	62	62	21
10. Mercer,		2	5	7	19	11	11	11	30	28	27	27	55	55	55	55	78
11. Mt. Joy,	2	3	5	5									18	18	18	18	36
12. Soldiers' Orphans' Institute,	3	7	10	6	19	14	14	14	53	17	17	17	44	44	44	44	38
13. Uniontown,	4	2	4	10	8	11	27	27	56	29	22	22	34	34	34	34	37
14. White Hall,	3	2	5	29						15	15	15	48	48	48	48	51
Totals,	27	35	62	154	128	63	32	377	208	170	45	19	442	222	156	38	22
																	438

Statement VII—Continued.

SCHOOLS,	FOURTH GRADE.			FIFTH GRADE.			SIXTH GRADE.			SEVENTH GRADE.			EIGHT GRADE.			Total in school.
	No. in class.		Total	No. in class.		Total	No. in class.		Total	No. in class.		Total	No. in class.		Total	
	A.	B.		A.	B.		A.	B.		A.	B.		A.	B.		
1. Andersonburg,	14	14	30	15	15	30	15	8	23	5	5	10	5	5	5	72
2. Bridgewater,	15	15	30	13	13	26	12	7	19	2	2	10	2	2	2	67
3. Chester Springs,	16	16	32	12	12	24	12	8	20	16	16	10	14	14	14	160
4. Dayton,	28	23	51	22	12	34	17	13	31	11	11	2	3	5	5	177
5. Hartford,	20	21	41	17	17	34	2	2	18	4	4	2	2	2	2	183
6. Industrial School,																
7. Lincoln Institution,	10	10	20	6	6	12	6	6	12	6	6	4	4	4	4	25
8. Mansfield,	25	13	38	25	4	29	13	12	12	7	7	11	7	7	7	206
9. McAlisterville,	20	20	40	13	13	26	12	12	12	7	7	11	11	11	11	166
10. Mercer,	23	24	47	21	15	36	14	22	36	14	14	6	6	6	6	234
11. Mt. Joy,	17	17	34	18	14	32	13	13	13	10	10	5	5	5	5	215
12. Soldiers' Orphans' Institute,	19	20	39	20	11	31	12	21	33	24	24	9	15	15	15	286
13. Uniontown,	17	15	32	9	13	22	8	8	10	10	10	2	2	2	2	174
14. White Hall,	14	11	25	11	7	18	7	7	8	5	5	5	5	5	5	200
	238	149	387	194	65	259	122	59	181	101	101	63	18	18	18	2,266

SHOWING NUMBER OF TEACHERS IN EACH HOME; NUMBER OF SOLDIERS' ORPHANS IN EACH CLASS AND GRADE; AND
WHOLE NUMBER OF SOLDIERS' ORPHANS IN EACH HOME AT THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR, JULY, 1877.

HOMES.	TEACHERS.	FIRST GRADE.			SECOND GRADE.			THIRD GRADE.			FOURTH GRADE.			FIFTH GRADE.			SIXTH GRADE.			SEVENTH GRADE.			EIGHTH GRADE.			
		Number in class.			Total.			Total.			Total.			Total.			Total.			Total.			Total.			
		A.	B.	C.	A.	B.	C.	A.	B.	C.	A.	B.	C.	A.	B.	C.	A.	B.	C.	A.	B.	C.	A.	B.	C.	
I. Children's Home, Lancaster.																										
2. Children's Home, York.	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
3. Church Home, Philadelphia.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	
4. Educational Home, Philadelphia.	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	
5. Louisville Home, Perry county.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
6. Orphan Farm School, Butler county.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	
7. Orphan Home, Germantown.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
8. Orphan Home, Rochester.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
9. Orphan Home, Womeisdorf.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
10. St. Paul's Home, Butler county.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
11. St. Vincent's College.	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	38	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Totals,	43	13	56	15	15	19	49	30	30	35	35	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	37	

In connection with the table given above, it may be well to present the course of study as now prescribed for the Soldiers' Orphan Schools. The extent to which the several branches are to be taught in the different grades is left to the discretion of the teachers. Advancement will be measured more by *thoroughness* than by *amount*.

COURSE OF STUDY.

First Grade.—Spelling, reading, writing, and drawing on slates, oral exercises in numbers, object lessons.

Second Grade.—Spelling, reading, writing, and drawing on slates, mental arithmetic, four fundamental rules of written arithmetic, object lessons.

Third Grade.—Spelling, reading, writing, drawing, mental and written arithmetic, geography, and object lessons.

Fourth Grade.—Same as for third grade.

Fifth Grade.—Same as for fourth grade, with the addition of grammar.

Sixth Grade.—Same as for fifth grade, with the addition of history of United States.

Seventh Grade.—Spelling, reading, book-keeping, elementary algebra, geography, grammar, history of United States, physiology.

Eighth Grade.—Reading, algebra or geometry, grammar, Constitution of United States, natural philosophy of the elements of the natural sciences generally.

Vocal music, declamation, composition, and instruction in morals and manners are continued throughout the whole course.

The studies of the course are frequently reviewed as the pupils proceed. Bible classes and Sunday schools have been organized in all the schools, but sectarian instruction is carefully avoided, except where the children are all of one denomination.

In the form of object lessons, a large amount of general information is imparted and valuable instruction given in the elements of the different sciences that can be illustrated with objects.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. P. WICKERSHAM,

Superintendent.

REPORTS OF THE INSPECTORS.

REPORT OF REV. C. CORNFORTH.

J. P. WICKERSHAM, LL. D.,

Superintendent of Soldiers' Orphans' Schools :

SIR:—My annual report of the Soldiers' Orphans' Schools is herewith submitted.

1. **HEALTH.**—The Health of the children has been good. Uniontown is the only school where any unusual sickness prevailed. At this school, soon after the children returned from vacation, diphtheria appeared and spread till about one hundred were more or less affected by it. It proved fatal in two cases only.

2. **CLOTHING.**—The every day clothing of the children, especially that of the boys, is often in the latter part of spring and during the early fall months considerably worn and patched; but all have better suits in reserve. The issue of clothing is so timed, that all are comfortably clad during the severe winter weather. In every school more is expended in making the girls' best suits than is allowed for that purpose.

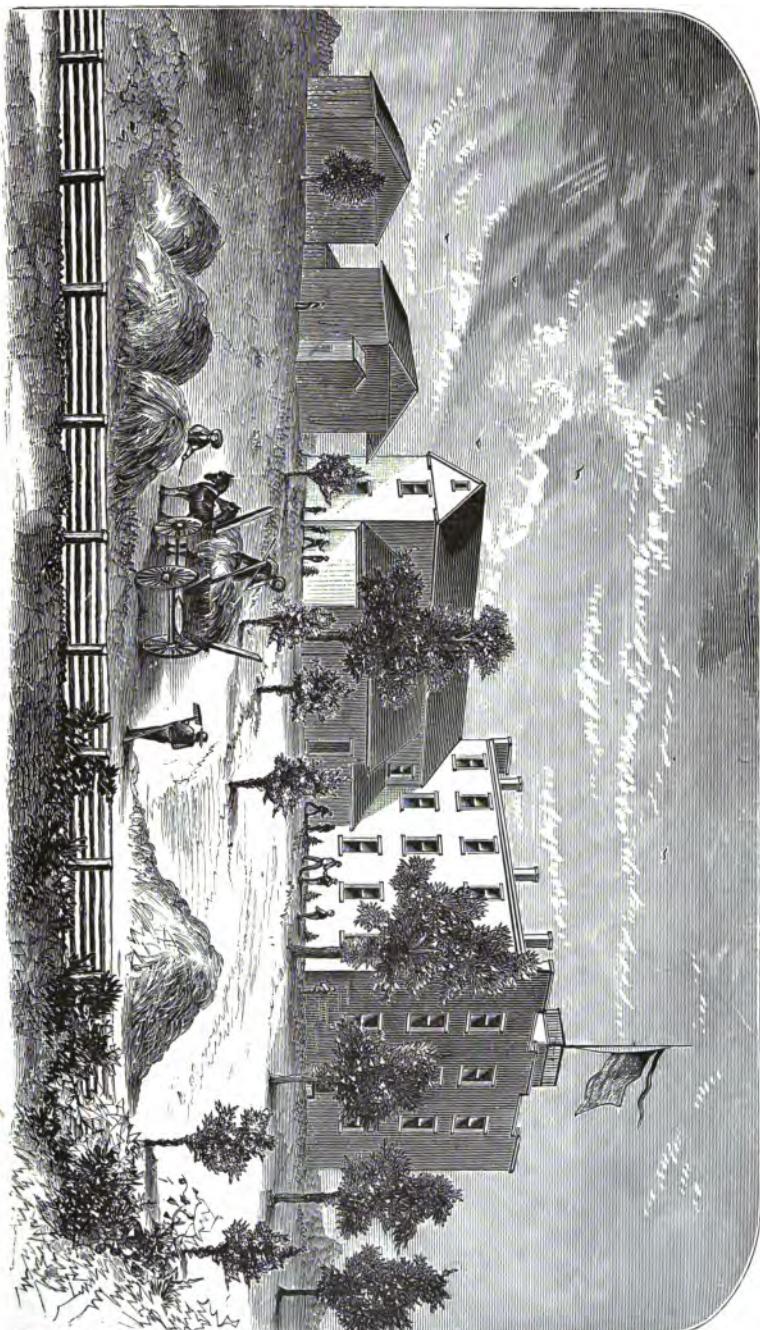
3. **FOOD.**—This has been about the same as in previous years. Every child has been allowed as much wholesome food as it desired; though the variety has not been so great as is found on the tables of some private families.

4. **TABLE CLOTHS AND BUTTER KNIVES.**—The former have not always been found clean, and the latter sometimes have been wanting. Nothing can be more revolting than a filthy cloth spread upon a table, or the practice of dispensing with butter knives. It is hoped that it may not again be necessary to refer publicly to these defects, so often complained of in private.

5. **WORK.**—The chief object aimed at, is to inculcate habits of industry. But little is or can be done, under existing regulations, towards teaching trades. The two hours, however, devoted daily to work are profitably spent. At the age of sixteen most of the girls are capable of doing all kinds of work done at the school-home, in a neat and creditable manner. The boys do farm and garden work, and generally take the entire care of their own rooms, (under proper supervision,) make their own beds, and do chores. At Dayton, Mercer, and Uniontown a shoe-shop has been in operation, in which, at each of these schools, about a dozen boys have been employed.

Rev P. WILLARD,
TRESSLER ORPHANS' HOME.

LOYSVILLE,
Perry Co., Pa.



The age at which they leave school and the expense of providing facilities and instructors in sufficient number and variety, render it impracticable to teach trades to any great extent, under the present organization of the Orphan School system.

6. EDUCATION.—Most of the schools have made creditable progress. The admission of the children of disabled soldiers, brought into the schools a large number of quite young pupils which lowered the average grade of scholarship. Great care should now be taken to secure the best possible talent to teach the primary classes. The topical method of recitation, when it can be used, has been recommended, though not in all cases adopted. Where this manner of reciting has been employed and supplemented by judicious questions, the best of results have been obtained. When teachers occupy most of the time allotted to recitations in talking about or explaining the lessons, but poor progress has been made. The teachers' volubility is taken advantage of: lessons are never learned, but merely glanced over. "As one is required to recite a lesson so will he study it: and as he studies it, so will it profit him." The fault is always regarded as that of the teacher and not the pupils, when classes under his tuition do not recite and read unstandingly and in a clear, distinct tone of voice. Geographies of enormous size for text books are used in too many schools and the children are required to learn a great many things hardly worth knowing. As for grammar, the same use, or abuse, is made of this study in many of the Soldiers' Orphans' Schools as in other institutions. The pupils learn a great amount of stuff; they analyze and parse, with no practical results. To be able to use the English language correctly is an invaluable acquirement. But the proper use of language is something quite distinct from the scientific study of language. Speaking and writing good English is an art, and like all other arts, can be acquired only by practice. If our schools would give to this practice the time and labor now bestowed upon the study of grammar, the results would be much more practicable than at present.

From recent observations, I am, if possible, more convinced than ever before, that no institution should receive the support of the State which does not afford to the orphans the full amount of educational advantages contemplated in the act of 1867, which provides for their "*education and maintenance.*"

7. PUNISHMENT.—Pupils can not be expelled from a Soldiers' Orphans' School, no matter what the offense may be, or how incorrigible the offender. As things are, it is not strange that cases occasionally occur which require severity. Corporal punishment is sometimes inflicted as a last resort. But the habitual use of the rod or strap for every slight offense is a brutal and brutalizing practice, which, when discovered, has been rebuked. A home-like feeling pervades most of the schools.

8. GUARDS AGAINST ABUSES.—Mothers and friends are permitted, and often do, visit the children while at school, and during these visits they eat and mingle freely with the pupils, thus affording a favorable oppor-

tunity, either by observation, or from the children themselves, to discover wrongs, if such exist; besides this, at the annual vacation, the orphans visit their friends, when it is hardly probable that they would conceal grievances, if such they have. And in addition to this, whenever complaints reach the department, from any source, they are always promptly and carefully investigated, and if well founded, the cause is removed.

9. SELF-RESPECT.—The orphans are proud of the fact that they are members of a Soldiers' Orphans' School. Those who have graduated at these institutions regard, with a justifiable pride, the State which timely befriended and aided them. If those who attend our free public schools and our heavily endowed colleges and universities, and our national military and naval schools, which are entirely supported by the general government, retain their manliness and independence of character, much more may the children of our slain and crippled patriots attend the schools which a grateful State has provided for them, without any loss of self-respect.

C. CORNFORTH,
Inspector and Examiner.

REPORT OF MRS. E. W. HUTTER.

To HON. J. P. WICKERSHAM, LL. D.,

*General Superintendent of the Soldiers' Orphan Schools
of the State of Pennsylvania:*

DEAR SIR : The Soldiers' Orphan system is no longer an experiment, it is a successful reality. It has become a matter for history, and both friends and foes are now obliged to acknowledge the wisdom of educating these orphans of our fallen heroes. The money appropriated by the State for the maintenance of these orphaned children has proved to be well expended; in truth, the funds, given for the education of these children, is the best investment of money the State of Pennsylvania has ever made.

I have often spoken of these soldier's orphans as "children," but now I can speak of many of them as children *no longer*, but as true men and women—good citizens of our brave old Commonwealth which took them by the hand in their helplessness, and nurtured and trained them up for usefulness.

Many, many of our orphan boys are now doing business for themselves, filling positions of honor and trust, some of them on a fair road to affluence.

Many of the girls are married, and have homes of their own, where the tidy little housekeeper of our Soldiers' Orphan School now finds an appropriate sphere for her skill, for all the girls are trained in cooking, sewing, washing, scrubbing, mending, and the other "mysterious arts" of good



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house-wives. I have heard young men of enterprise say, "If I wish a good wife, I can find one in these Orphan Schools." Others of our girls are teaching, having availed themselves of the wise provision made to allow worthy and bright girls, in our Orphan Schools, one year at one of the State Normal Schools.

The Principals of the different Normal Schools, who have had these girls under their care, generally bear testimony to their good conduct and studious habits. Nearly all the soldiers' orphans who have been admitted to the different Normal Schools have been among the best in their classes.

I might cite a great many cases to illustrate what I have been saying, but I will only mention the fact that one of our Soldiers' Orphan boys, William Kilpatrick, has gone to the far west, has taken up 180 acres of land, has settled, is making money rapidly, and I predict for him, that one of these days he will be sent to Congress to help make the laws for his country, which he loves so well. Could our law-makers but see as I see the fruits of the system, they would be convinced that this investment of money for the education of Soldiers' Orphans pays ten fold.

VISITATIONS.—A kind Providence has again enabled me during the past year, to visit the Schools with regularity. These visits have cost me many miles of travel. When it is called to mind that the Soldiers' Orphan Schools are located on both sides of the Allegheny mountains, and some of them from fifteen to twenty miles from any railway station—and that these Schools can only be reached in a private conveyance, over rough roads in all sorts of weather—it will be seen that the office of Inspector is far from being a *sinecure*. In all these visitations I am delighted, from time to time, to notice a marked improvement in the children.

CHANGE IN PRINCIPALS.—The School at Mt. Joy has changed its Principal—Mr. Jesse Kennedy retiring from the School, and Mr. George W. Wright, of Mercer, taking charge.

EDUCATIONAL.—Give a child a good plain English education up to the age of *sixteen*, together with habits of industry, and it is but seldom, even in these proverbially "hard times," that there will not be an opening for him, where a good trade may be learned by which in after years he or she may gain an honest livelihood.

To my mind it appears to be one of the encouraging signs of the times, that men of wealth and position are now putting their sons to trades. I am happy to report that one young man, whom I well know, who has inherited \$175,000, I saw this summer, with sleeves rolled up, hard at work learning his trade. The mechanics and farmers are the bone and sinew of our country.

In all our Schools the educational standard, I am glad to say, is rising. I was pleased with what I saw and heard at the annual examinations.

SUGGESTION.—It would be well, as far as possible, to make the awarding of the State Diplomas to the *worthy sixteeners*, a feature of examination day. The public awarding of these testimonials from the State to her

wards would have a pleasant effect upon the audience gathered at these examinations, and the day would be happily remembered by those who then left the School, which had indeed proved to them a "fostering mother."

Your wise plan in arranging that every child must go to school *six hours*, I take particular pains to see carried out by the principals, and when I do find that the six hours of school are interfered with, I *insist* upon it, that the law be religiously carried out, and that no child is deprived of the full *six hours* of schooling.

THE FOOD.—The food is of good quality, well cooked, and generally well *served*. Butter knives are still needed, and the table cloths are not changed often enough in some schools. A great improvement has taken place in the table service during the past few years, and the good

SANITARY CONDITION

Of the children in all these Schools is largely owing to proper food, proper exercise, and regular habits of industry.

I am glad to say that but comparatively few have been on the sick list, and a very small proportion of deaths are recorded.

Taking them as whole, there is not a happier, healthier band of children anywhere to be found, than those in the Soldiers' Orphan Schools of Pennsylvania. I really feel that these Orphans appreciate the advantages afforded to them by the State.

CLOTHING.—Considering the very small amount, \$25, appropriated for each child, the children are well clad. They are very comfortable. The beds and bedding are also in very good condition in nearly all the Schools. I insist upon cleanliness—in person, in clothing, and in bedding; for "cleanliness is next to godliness."

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT.—I must again mention this subject, for it is one that lies near my heart. I am opposed to corporal punishment, except in rare instances. Children are good judges of character. They read a teacher as quickly as a teacher can study their dispositions.

If children feel that the Instructor has a true desire to do them good, that the control to which they are subjected is not a matter of caprice, but a means of true education and discipline, they will nearly always submit, without any severe measures. The rule of *love* is, after all, the most potent. Well says Scott:

"In peace, love tunes the shepherd's reed;
In war, he mounts the warrior's steed;
In halls in gay attire is seen,
In hamlets dances on the green—
Love rules the court, the camp, the grove,
For love is Heaven, and Heaven is love."

TEACHERS.—In this connection I am glad to pay a well-deserved compliment to the Teachers in the Soldiers' Orphan Schools. They are a noble band, working in season, and out of season, giving more than the stipulated time to their charge. They are competent and conscientious.

Holidays are hailed with joy by the weary teacher in the public schools, they find these days a glad respite amid their toil.

But to the teacher in the Soldiers' Orphan School, comes no such breathing space, except in the summer vacation. Holidays are for them the very hardest of the year. They live in the midst of their charge, and if ever the technical phrase, in the school law, was realized, it is here. Surely the Soldiers' Orphan teacher does stand, "*in loco parentis*," in the place of a parent.

THE GRAND ARMY.—I must again speak of this noble organization, who feel so deep an interest in the welfare of the children of their fallen comrades. I have in many of my reports referred to their gallant conduct, with reference to the children in the Orphan Schools, and I would here renew my confidence in them. They have also taken a deep interest in having the children of disabled soldiers admitted into the schools.

The Grand Army men are truly *posted* with regard to the condition of many of their disabled comrades, and feel the great necessity of having this class of children cared for, and admitted under the kindly protection of the schools. The members of the Grand Army of the Republic urge this matter simply because they are acquainted with the facts, and would urge the members of Legislature to cast their eyes around and see the good, the incalculable good, that is being done by these schools. They would, then, not fail to pass a law explicit enough to reach every worthy case of a child of a permanently disabled soldier. There are still many of these out of the schools, that should be reached. I am heartily glad that the last Legislature did pass the appropriation for these children, and I only wish that every needy child could be placed in the schools, and be properly educated, for the State will never be impoverished by these wise appropriations, for there is a "giving that *enriches*, and a *withholding* that *impoverishes*."

I desire, in conclusion, to express my sincere thanks to Governor Hartranft, for his continued interest in the Soldiers' Orphan schools.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH E. HUTTER.

EXTRACTS FROM REPORTS OF PRINCIPALS.

UNIONTOWN—A. H. Waters, Principal.

HEALTH.—The health of the school, at the present time, is very good, and has been, for several months. Shortly after vacation, diphteria made its appearance in the school, and in a brief time there were over one hundred cases, two of which were fatal. The victims of this destroyer of innocents, were dear little children—brother and sister—Martha and John Waddington. Their death made our hearts exceedingly sad, but we could not but recognize a wonderful exemption from the hand of death in so many cases. In many places, where the disease prevailed, whole families were carried off.

EDUCATIONAL.—This sickness, beginning soon after the opening of the school, though not interfering with the regular exercises, nevertheless very perceptibly retarded the progress which we had good reason to believe would have been made. Still, regardless of this drawback, the general progress was very satisfactory. During the last few weeks of the year a large number of the advanced scholars were discharged on age. By this means the eighth grade became, at the time of the annual examination, almost extinct. This accounts for the very small number reported in the highest grade. It will also be observed from the report of the examination, that the lower grades are very large, from the fact that during the year, nearly all the new admissions were quite small children.

INDUSTRY.—The industrial feature of the system has been faithfully observed in a great variety of ways, all of which were of a practical character, and cannot but greatly benefit the children in the future. The remark is often made that the children look so large for their age, and it has been insisted that they were over sixteen years of age. This physical development is the result of healthful food, regular habits, and the *two hours work*, so wisely demanded as a part of each day's duties. No other schools or colleges can furnish so large a number of fine looking and fully developed physiques as are seen in our Soldiers' Orphan Schools.

MORALS.—The morals of the school are good, and the tendency is always in that direction. The exceptional cases are very rare. The best evidence of the moral influence at school is the life of the scholars when away. The most gratifying reports come of the excellent character of our graduates, and of their success in life. Regular church service has been held every Sunday morning, which included the usual exercises of singing, prayer, and reading of Scriptures, with a discourse especially adapted to the wants of children, the discourse and all the exercises embracing only little over forty minutes. Sunday school in the afternoon, and morning and evening worship every day.



Rev. A. H. WATERS,
Principal and Proprietor.

UNIONTOWN SCHOOL.

UNIONTOWN,
Fayette County, Pa.

IMPROVEMENTS.—During the year extensive additions have been made to the buildings, and the old furniture has, in a great measure, been replaced with new. One two-story stone house 54x21, with two wings, 18x21, has been completed, and greatly adds to the convenience and comfort. An addition to the school building, 40x30, has also been made, the second story adding that much to the boys' dormitory. Extensive improvements have likewise been made to the grounds, which have greatly beautified the place, and given it a home-like appearance.

In closing this, my eleventh annual report, I am impressed by the retrospect, of the care of our Heavenly Father over these little ones. We often feel the force of the beautiful words, "Their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in Heaven."

To Mr. E. K. Hyndman, of the Pittsburg division of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad; Mr. David McCargo, of the Allegheny Valley railroad, and Mr. William Thaw, of the Pittsburg, Cincinnati and St. Louis railroad, I desire to express my grateful acknowledgments for affording these children an opportunity of making their annual visit to their homes and friends free of expense. Had this generosity not been extended, some would have been deprived of this pleasure and recreation.

WHITE HALL.—J. A. Moore, Principal.

As principal, I first took charge of this school November 1, 1867, and conducted it till March 1, 1875, when I transferred my interest to Mr. John Dum, who managed it to March 1, 1877. I again assumed control since the latter date.

Excellent health has blessed the institution for the past year. With the exception of some twenty cases of measles, all of which were of a mild character, no serious sickness prevailed. The accidental scalding, June 9th, of a little girl, Minnie Killinger, aged seven, from the effects of which she died, was the cause of universal sorrow in our midst.

In the educational department, the pupils have acquitted themselves very creditably, and upheld the well earned reputation of *thoroughness* in their studies, so justly accorded them in former years. If they excelled in any one branch more than another, it was in crayon sketches and ornamental drawing. And in this, the following pupils deserve special mention: Masters Harry Radabaugh, William H. Cleckner, Charles Wise, Randall Hoffman, John Hughes, A. E. Bohn, and Miss Mary Fry, all of whom exhibited unusual artistic talent. Prof. Z. B. Taylor, who had charge of the educational department, sustained himself ably, and was unremitting in his efforts for the advancement of the pupils. Prof. C. Snyder and S. P. Stambaugh brought up the advanced classes, in the several branches, with credit to themselves, and the pupils, while Misses Lefever and Preisler, diligently instructed the lower grades.

The library, which in former years contained over three hundred choice

volumes of standard books for youth, has not been increased; though within the past few months a number of the best periodicals in the country has been added to the files of the reading-room, and, now, over forty dailies, weeklies, and monthlies, make up an interesting feature of news-reading for the boys and girls.

On taking present charge, I did not find the clothing of the children in as good condition, neither in quality, or quantity, as it was a few years ago.

Care is taken to teach a high standard of morals, as all acquirements must be secondary to that of an unblemished character. Regular Sunday school exercises, as well as daily devotional services, are religious duties, which all are required to perform.

The usual necessary repairs, including the painting and renovation of the interior of the buildings will be made during vacation.

After having a season of rest from the responsibilities of a long term of previous management, I again enter the service, with renewed vigor, and feel fully determined to keep high the standard of Morality, Education, and Discipline.

ANDERSONBURG—W. H. Hall, Principal.

There is nothing special to note concerning the working of the school, during the year. The progress made in every department was quite satisfactory. We therefore deem it unnecessary to lengthen this report by repeating what has been said in former reports, and will only say that the regular programme for the working of the schools has this year, as well as in the past, been strictly adhered to.

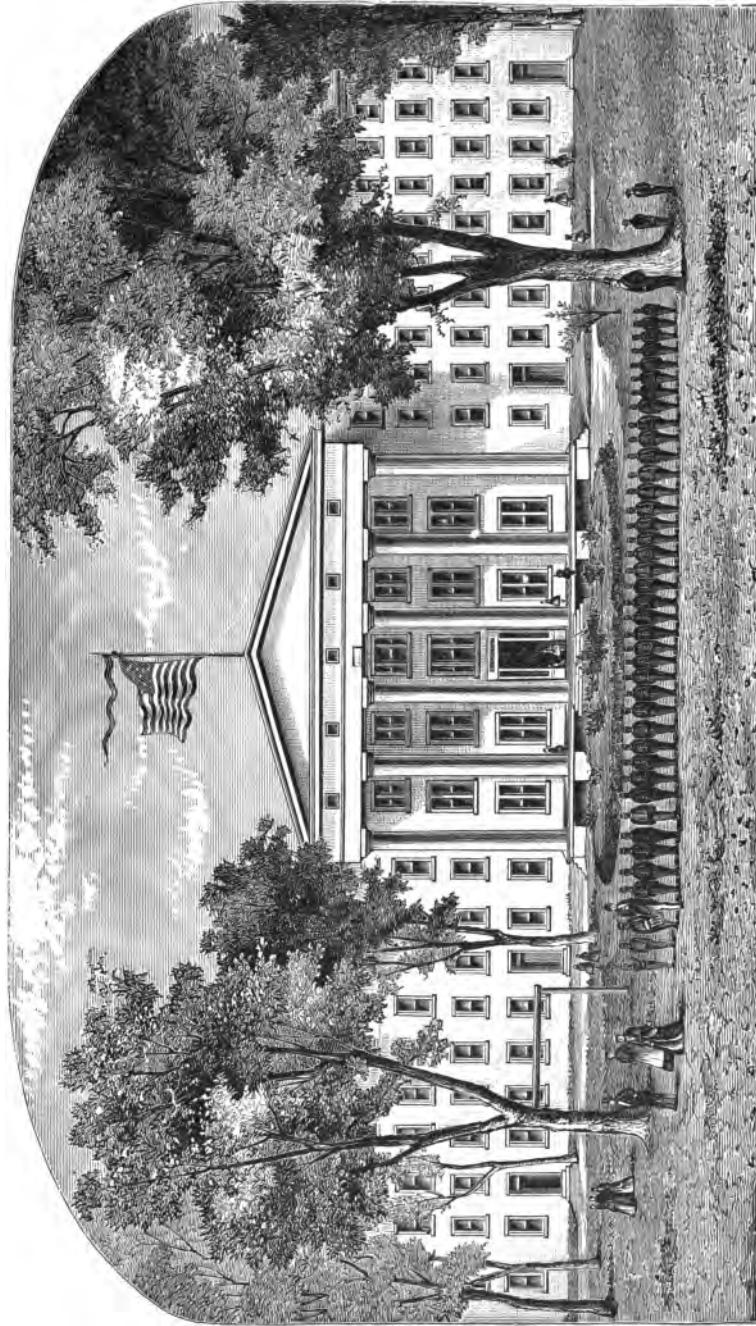
BRIDGEWATER—James Stitzer, Principal.

During the past year we have worked, as usual, earnestly and faithfully in the field of labor undertaken eight years ago. Each year we strive to improve upon the preceding one. It is our constant endeavor that those consigned to our care improve, not only intellectually, but in all those graces and virtues that adorn true manhood and womanhood. In this respect our efforts have not been in vain. We notice among the students an ever increasing depth of thought, and more liberal views of life.

In educating these colored children for future usefulness we have an important task to perform. Every individual step assists to elevate the race. Our boys and girls realize this fact. It is their noblest ambition to do missionary work in the South.

The graduates of Bridgewater are eagerly sought for by the Southern Bureau of Education, and their eminent fitness for the work has been fully attested. A large number of sixteeners have taught there very successfully, and others will begin the work in the fall.

Since last September fifteen students have left us to take their places as



BRIDGEWATER SCHOOL (COLORED).

BRIDGEWATER,
Bucks Co., Pa.

Prof. JAS. STITZER,
Principal.

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men and women in the future that awaits them. The positions they have obtained have been honorable, and by their industry and reliability they have reflected credit not only upon themselves but upon the Institution.

EDUCATIONAL.—We have had the additional duties of a normal school during the past two years. Our normal scholars have made creditable progress and become proficient in the theory and practice of teaching. Their regular studies, in connection with the eighth grade, have been English grammar, philosophy, algebra, elocution, and Latin grammar and translation.

Especial care has been given to Essay writing. We think it not only important that the students should speak correctly, but that they should also write grammatically and clearly. A period each day is allotted to the task of composition, when subjects are assigned to the pupils by their teacher. Much credit in this department is due to the principal teacher, Mr. J. E. Cochran, under whose efficient teaching the progress has been very marked.

INDUSTRIAL.—Our boys have accomplished more outside work this summer than ever before. The farm has been kept in excellent condition. It has been thoroughly cultivated and produced an abundance of vegetables. We have inculcated the truth that industry is the only avenue to success.

CHESTER SPRINGS—Mrs. E. H. Moore, Principal.

As stated in my last report, the year preceding this was one of disappointment and trials, the result of changes and loss sustained by fire. These circumstances greatly affected the progress of the School, but measures were early taken to prepare for a good year to follow.

BUILDINGS.—The building erected to take the place of the one destroyed by fire, was ready for occupancy in September, soon after the children returned from their summer vacation. It is a three-story structure, 37x84 feet, with high ceilings, well lighted, and well ventilated. This is attached to a stone building which escaped the flames. Together they give ample space for dining-room, kitchen, store-room, male attendant's office, boys' sitting-room, and bath-room on the first floor, boys' large dormitories, steward's apartments, teachers' and male attendant's private rooms, clothes-rooms, infirmary, and store-room, on the second and third floors.

The girls' building has undergone some improvements, which add to the comfort and pleasure of its occupants.

The building used for educational purposes has been newly floored, painted, and papered.

CLOTHING.—The boys and girls are very well supplied with good clothing for every day and for Sunday.

HEALTH.—We had some cases of sickness during the year, but generally the health has been good.

INDUSTRY.—Besides the usual work of the institution, there has been a great deal to do in clearing away the debris from the burnt building, and fixing up the grounds. In this the boys have taken great interest, and have performed, with diligence and willingness, their allotted portion, as

have also the girls in their department. Much of the spare time of the girls is devoted to sewing and ornamental work.

MORALS.—The improvement in the moral condition has been very gratifying. The gentle influence of teachers and others has created or developed a similar character in the children, which shows itself in their daily intercourse with each other. They are cheerful and happy, thus showing that they have confidence in their instructors, and regard them as their friends.

RELIGIOUS.—When the weather permits, the school attend Sunday morning services in the nearest church, (one mile distant.) At other times we have religious exercises in our study hall, where an hour in the morning is spent pleasantly, and, we trust, profitably to all. Sabbath school has been kept up regularly throughout the year. The "International Lesson Papers" are used.

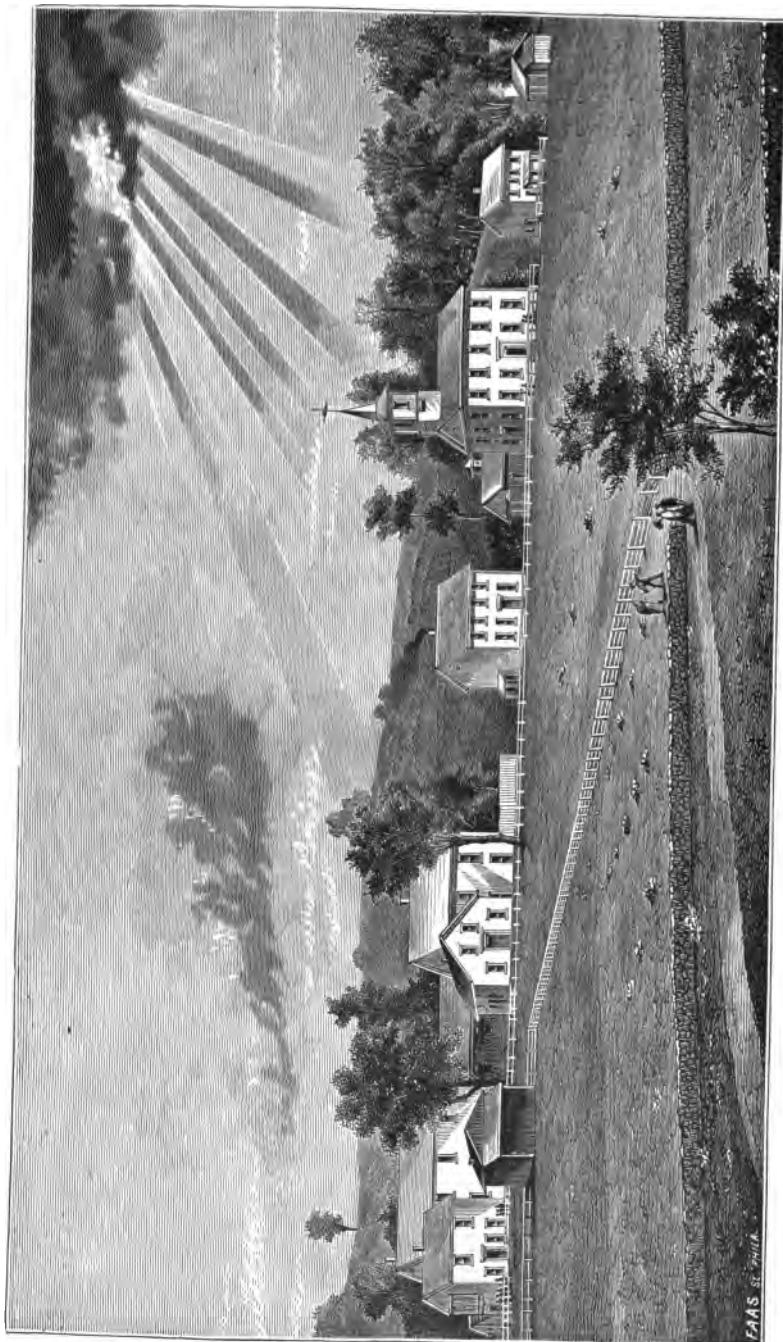
A prayer meeting was instituted at the beginning of the term, and has been continued with increasing interest. We trust and believe that much lasting good has been effected.

EDUCATIONAL.—The educational department has been under the charge of Mr. D. A. Harman—a teacher of several years' experience in graded schools—whose kind and genial manner soon won the confidence and respect of the children. He has been assisted by Messrs. M. E. McLinn and L. A. Haffley, Misses M. E. Wickersham and E. Sharpless, and Mrs. M. E. McLinn, all teachers of experience and ability.

The school has been divided into eight grades, as formerly, but more attention has been paid to the primary branches throughout the grades, thus laying a good foundation for future study. The pupils have taken great interest in their studies, and show marked improvement, especially in composition and in the general use of language. A literary society, known as "The McCullough Literary Society," was organized in December, 1876. About sixty of the pupils have attached themselves to it. Meetings are held every Thursday evening. Much interest is manifested by the members, and great benefit is derived. Books are purchased with the funds of the society. It already has a nice library of about sixty volumes. These, together with the library of the school, and daily and weekly periodicals, furnish abundant and choice reading matter. The reading room is attractive, and many hours are spent there profitably and pleasantly in the quiet enjoyment of books and papers.

GENERAL REMARKS.—The school is now, as from its organization, controlled by a board of trustees, with M. S. McCullough, Esquire, as president, whose heartfelt interest in the children is attested by his desire and determination to make them comfortable.

The term just ended has been one of unprecedented success. The faithfulness and untiring zeal of teachers and employés have done so much to elevate the standard of the school that I cannot close this report without expressing deep appreciation of their most valuable services and entire coöperation in the great work. The same corps will remain with us, and we have every reason to believe that a pleasant year will ensue.



HARFORD SCHOOL.

Prof. H. S. SWEET,
Principal and Proprietor.
HARFORD,
Susquehanna Co., Pa.

DAYTON—Hugh McCandless, Principal.

SANITARY.—The health of the school during the past year has been good, there being but one serious case of sickness. About two weeks after the children returned from vacation, Flora L. Metcalf took diphtheria, and, after an illness of four days, died on the 16th day of September. We had five cases of inflammatory rheumatism, and most of the children had mumps, but none were so ill as to be kept from school for more than two or three days. With a single exception, all are now in perfect health.

INDUSTRY.—In this department there has been little or no change. Twelve boys, under the supervision of W. P. Oberlin, have done all the shoe mending and made all the every day boots and shoes needed in the institution. In addition to this the boys have done the usual amount of farm work, and the girls have performed their accustomed routine of household duties.

EDUCATIONAL.—During the year the majority of the children have made progress worthy of commendation. This year special attention has been paid to map drawing and painting in water colors.

MORAL AND RELIGIOUS.—As to the course of instruction pursued in reference to these, we have nothing new to report, but as regards the morals of the school, the cheerfulness, obedience, and morality of the children, the school has never before stood so high since the writer took charge of it.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Repairs have been made where necessity demanded. We have added to our library some twenty-five or thirty new books.

In concluding this very brief report, it is but just to say that the success of the school is very largely due to the labors of my assistants. Prof. M. L. Thonnhurst has had charge of the educational department, and was assisted by Mr. J. E. Frantz and Misses M. Marshall, U. P. Marshall, M. K. Houston, and Lizzie and Ada McCandless for part of the year, and Miss S. Frantz for the entire year. The other departments were in charge of Messrs. E. Morrow and W. P. Oberlin; Misses M. Dill, N. S. Morrow, N. Gaston, M. Oliver; Mrs. E. McCutcheon and Mrs. McCandless. Vocal music was taught by Mr. B. S. Pontius.

The thanks of the principal are due to the above for their untiring efforts and the faithful performance of their several duties.

HARFORD—H. S. Sweet, Principal.

The progress of this institution for the past year has been all that we could expect. The children returned promptly after their annual vacation, and immediately resumed their various duties, especially their work in the school room, evincing by their conduct, the feeling that they had returned to their home, and that they had a work for themselves to do. This contented

spirit has pervaded the institution throughout the year, *not a single absence without permission having occurred.* The deportment in the school-room has been most gratifying and exemplary. Self government having been insisted upon in the past, now exhibits its fruits in the conduct of the children, as they now feel that it devolves upon themselves to maintain order and to sustain a good reputation for the school.

The principles of good morals and self-reliance, instilled into the minds of the pupils while with us, enables them, when arriving at the age of sixteen, to obtain and fill positions of trust and honor. Many are teaching with no further preparation than that afforded them while in this school.

The sanitary condition has been better than ever before, there having been no case of serious illness, and but few cases have been sufficient to detain the pupils from school for any length of time.

The educational department, under the care of M. Kasson, assisted by the teachers long connected with the school, shows the beneficial result of employing teachers acquainted with the peculiarities of the different pupils under their control, as very effective work has been accomplished.

The study of English literature was introduced at the beginning of the year.

The members of the seventh and eighth grades are prepared to enter the scientific course of most of our colleges.

As a result of the preparation for the Centennial, the girls devote much of their leisure time to fancy needle-work, and in making home adornments, and are becoming quite proficient.

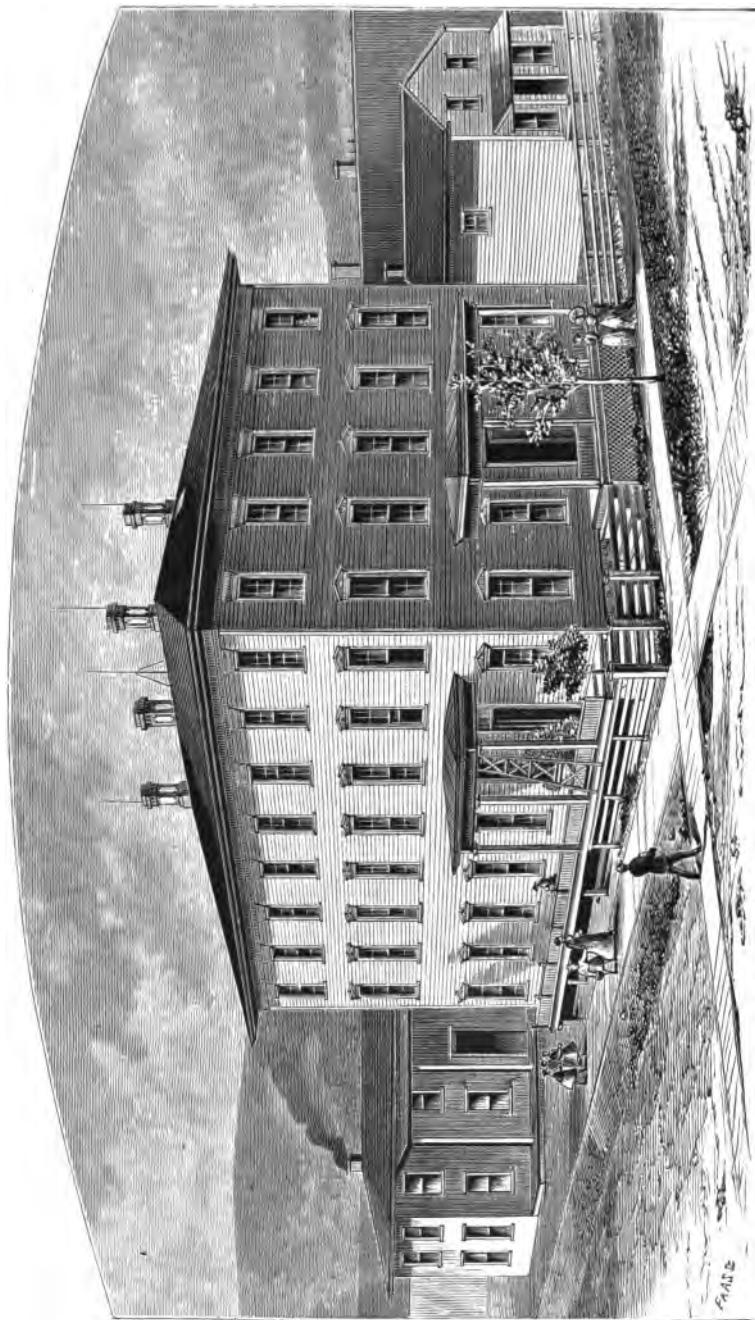
The Grand Army of the Republic, together with the Veteran Organization, have rendered especial favors upon two occasions; the laying of the corner-stone of the Soldiers' Monument at Montrose and at their annual encampment, not only providing transportation, but furnishing a sumptuous dinner for the whole school. The deportment of the children received favorable notice from the county papers on these occasions.

LINCOLN INSTITUTION.—Margaret Y. Clay, Secretary, Board of Managers.

SIR:—The Board of Managers of the Lincoln Institution present this their eleventh annual report, with renewed expressions of satisfaction for the work done during the past year.

There were during the year a total of ninety-four boys in the Institution, all engaged in some trade or employed by mercantile houses during the day. Their evenings are devoted to study and reading. They give universal gratification to their employers, who testify to their industry, honesty, and high moral bearing.

The night school is under the immediate supervision of the board of council, who report the decided improvement the boys have made in their several departments of study. The June examinations were well con-



MANSFIELD SCHOOL.

MANSFIELD,
Tioga Co., Pa.
Prof. F. A. ALLEN,
Principal and Proprietor.

ducted; and showed a marked progress and thoroughness made by the pupils in their last scholastic year.

The health of the inmates of the Institution has been most excellent, very few cases of sickness having occurred. There were two deaths during the year. Thomas Cummings, aged fifteen years, died from the results of an accident while bathing; and Albert H. Perkenpine, who died of typhoid fever, in his eighteenth year. Both were promising lads and much beloved by their employers and schoolmates.

The boys visited the Centennial exhibition twice in a body; and attracted great praise for their soldierly deportment on "Pennsylvania Day," when they formed part of the guard of the Governor as he passed into the State buildings.

In the educational exhibit made by the State at the Centennial, the Lincoln boys made a very creditable display, both of school-work and of the separate trades which they are learning.

MANSFIELD—F. A. Allen, Principal.

No material changes have been effected in our school during the past year. The progress made has been commensurate with the expenditure of effort. Entire satisfaction has not been attained. We do not look for this while dealing with frail human nature. Therefore, no great disappointment has been experienced.

The new recruits, sent in to us since September last, are younger than those formerly sent. Their scholastic attainments are less. Hence a lowering of the standard of scholarship. The *physical* condition of these children is much below the average of those heretofore sent us. This is so strikingly apparent that it is commented upon by all who have to do with them. But a marked improvement has taken place with them during the short period they have been with us. This is mainly due to the enforcing of regular habits, and a simple and wholesome diet. If the thousands of parents who have feeble, sickly children, would but learn the lesson these schools teach so unmistakably, touching the *physical* training of children, the world would be wiser and better for it.

We have experienced rather more than our usual amount of sickness. Diphtheria has been quite prevalent with us, though in its milder form. Only one death has occurred from any cause. Aside from the above-mentioned disease, our school has enjoyed, to a great degree, excellent health.

No change in the manner of teaching. Every year only the more firmly convinces us that the "new departure" is the true way. Each teacher has a special department of labor or branch to teach, and passes from room to room at the close of every recitation period.

We have found very great benefits arising from the study of literature,

in the different grades. While teaching authors, pupils are required to commit extracts from their writings, thus giving them the best material for after-thought, and affording a most excellent discipline. It also adds a much greater interest *in*, and a greater love *for*, the reading of better periodicals and books than the general market affords.

Through the kindness of the Episcopalians of the place, we have held our Sunday school at 9 A. M., in their church. The most of our teachers in this school have been volunteers from the Normal School. And most efficient labor have they given us. It gives me great pleasure, in this public manner to thank them most heartily for their very acceptable work.

The work of the farm has been much more profitable to all concerned. We have more thoroughly systematized the work, and have added incentives to greater excellence in the *kind* and *quality* of work. We have endeavored to teach that labor was not only necessary, but honorable, and that skilled or educated labor will always pay best.

As a whole, our school may be said to have passed pleasantly and smoothly through the year, even with less friction than formerly. This is due to the fact of a continuance of the same employés, in the main. We not only believe *in*, but *practice*, "civil service," and adopt to the letter the doctrine of the "survival of the fittest."

McALLISTERVILLE—Jacob Smith, Proprietor.

In submitting this annual report for the first whole year as proprietor, I would acknowledge the goodness and mercies of a kind Providence in guarding our home from sickness and death, and to Him ascribe all praise for whatever success has attended our united labors.

EDUCATIONAL.—It was my good fortune in January last to secure the services of Professor William Bogle and wife, for a number of years connected with the Mercer Soldiers' Orphan School,) the former as principal, the latter to take charge of the primary department. In entering upon their duties, they introduced, and I am happy to announce, successfully carried through, many needed reforms. The school was reclassified, the time given to each recitation extended, and the movement of classes so arranged that but little confusion resulted therefrom. For the success accompanying their efforts, I respectfully refer you to those representing the Soldiers' Orphan School department at our recent examination.

MORAL AND RELIGIOUS.—The moral deportment of our children is good, when it is remembered that many of them have lost father and mother, and previous to their admittance here, were ignorant of moral restraint. Devotional exercises are held morning and evening, when frequently one of the pupils reads a portion of Scripture of their own selection. A deep interest is felt in the Sabbath-school work. The children are supplied with "Lesson Leaves," and it is a pleasure to see with what zeal and cheerful-



MCALISTERVILLE SCHOOL.

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ness they devote their spare time to the preparation of their lessons. During the last year we have not had regular preaching at the school. The children, however, attend, almost ever Sabbath, one of the churches in the village.

INDUSTRY.—Each department is under the control of a competent person, in which the girls are taught all kinds of work done at the school, many of them becoming experts with the needle, and in doing general house-work. The boys are required to do much of the work on the farm, and many of them display considerable taste and skill in the management of small parcels of ground given them for their exclusive supervision. I am very particular to have the children instructed well in all things pertaining to the house and farm.

DISCIPLINE.—Under the present management, radical changes have been made in the methods used to enforce discipline. Corporal punishment, so long and faithfully applied with but slight beneficial results, has been almost entirely banished ; and in its stead the esteem, affection, and obedience of these fatherless little ones is gained by love. The results thus far are highly gratifying, and fully appreciated by all.

CLOTHING.—No means have been spared during the year to have our children well and comfortably clothed.

GENERAL REMARKS.—My corps of assistants is selected with care ; and whenever practicable, it is my desire to retain those having a knowledge of the workings of an institution of this kind, being convinced by sad experience that the fewer changes made the better for the school. We are now having our vacation, during which I purpose building a new wash-house and making other improvements for the comfort and convenience of the children.

MERCER—G. W. Wright, Manager.

In behalf of the Mercer Soldiers' Orphan School Company, I submit the following report for the year ending May 31st, 1877 :

The year through which we have just passed has been one of unprecedented labor and anxiety on the part of all concerned. Over one hundred pupils were admitted during the year, many of whom had not previously enjoyed the advantages of a good school, and consequently required much care in grading and training. Our teachers generally have labored with a zeal worthy of the profession, and deserve much credit for their untiring efforts. The employés, also, have been faithful, and have taken a deep interest in the institution. There was considerable sickness in the school soon after the commencement of the term, brought by returning pupils, which retarded the progress of the school for some time, but notwithstanding all difficulties there has been effectual work done, and when we reflect upon what has been passed through during the year we cannot but feel a deep sense of gratitude to God for His goodness and mercy.

There has been a manifest improvement in the morals of the children, which we are glad to notice. Quite a number of the children connected with the church during the year, and have exercised a wholesome influence on others. The children attend Sabbath school regularly, and there is congeniality and home-like feeling among the pupils generally.

During the year the pupils have been studious, and have made substantial progress in all the branches pursued. Considerable attention has been paid to general instruction in all the classes. The teachers have aimed to infuse into the minds of the pupils the importance of earnest work and study, and have endeavored to teach them how to think, what to think about, and to consider the great objects and responsibilities of life; to make of them true men and women, prepared to battle successfully with the realities of life, that the people of the Commonwealth may be proud of them as its wards in years to come.

The higher grades were instructed in algebra, natural philosophy, physiology, United States history, rhetoric, book-keeping, geometry, and Latin.

The discipline has not been rigid or severe, yet the obedience has been prompt, willing, and cheerful. We have endeavored to teach the children to do right because it is right, and not from fear of punishment; hence we have been able to give them greater liberty and more privileges than we otherwise could have done. To make the school a "home" in every respect has been our aim, and we feel that, to some extent at least, we have been successful.

A fine chapel was built during the year. It is a substantial wood structure, 44 by 68 feet, two stories high—the lower story being used as a chapel, with two recitation rooms at one end, separated from the main part by a partition which can be removed at pleasure; the second story is used as a dormitory for the boys. The building and furniture in chapel and school-rooms cost the company about \$3,500.

The grounds and buildings are in good condition—better, perhaps, than ever before, and we have an abundance of room to accommodate four hundred children.

The children have been taught to do all kinds of work connected with the institution, and have shown considerable aptness in the several departments. All kinds of house work connected with the institution is done, neatly and well, by all the girls old enough to engage in such work. The boys all do their work better and more systematically than in former years. Those who have gone out from the institution to engage in active life on their own responsibility have given an experience to the boys remaining in school that has done them much good, and has taught them to make ready for the battle which awaits them.

We are deeply indebted to the ministers and good people of Mercer and vicinity for their frequent visits to the school and many acts of kindness. With these encouragements and God's blessing, we cannot but succeed in the future.

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GEORGE W. WRIGHT,
Principal

MOUNT JOY SCHOOL.

MOUNT JOY,
Lancaster County, Pa.

MOUNT JOY.—Jesse Kennedy, Principal.

The educational department has been under the care of Mr. George W. Geiger, who has ably and impartially discharged the duties devolving upon him. He has been assisted by Mr. Joseph H. Martin, and Misses Mary E. Buckwalter, Sallie E. Culp, and Ella A. Kline, teachers of experience and unquestioned ability. By their united and untiring efforts, they have advanced the school, as a whole, to a higher standard of proficiency than it had attained in any former year. The thoroughness of our instruction has enabled twelve of our scholars to graduate in our normal schools by one year's attendance.

Believing a practical education to be deficient without a knowledge of general information, we have, in addition to the regular course of instruction prescribed, made this study a specialty, and have met with marked success.

Quite a number of our girls have been taking instrumental music lessons, and some of them play with a remarkable degree of ease and aptness.

We are sorry to be obliged to notice the deaths of two of our boys. The first was caused by hereditary consumption; the second by accident on the railroad. Both of them died at their homes, and as they were passing away, their words and expression gave evidence that a "better country" awaited their coming.

Otherwise the health of the school has been good, with the exception of one case of hemorrhages. Our hearts ascend in thankfulness to our kind Father, who has so gently conducted us through the uncertainties of another year.

Our discipline, while rigid, has been so seasoned with moral forces as to produce a general home feeling among the children.

We are happy to report that an uninterrupted social feeling has characterized our entire faculty, which had much to do with the moral standing of the school.

Deep interest is taken in the Sabbath school, by both faculty and scholars. The usual devotional exercises are daily observed, and a general prayer-meeting is held every Wednesday evening.

The children who have been discharged from this school, by reason of reaching the prescribed age of sixteen years, are, as a rule, following honorable callings, and in most cases with fair prospects of success.

**SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' INSTITUTE—Dr. and Mrs. A. Harshberger,
Principals.**

During the first two months of the school year that has just closed the great Centennial was still going on. Consequently a great many visitors from our own and foreign lands came to see the institutions. Among the distinguished men who visited us were Mr. Hitchcock, the Commissioner

from the Sandwich Islands, and Colonel Juan J. Marin, Spanish Royal Commissioner, and judge of awards; also the educational and industrial visiting committee from France. These gentlemen expressed themselves surprised and delighted that the orphans of our fallen soldiers are so well cared for. Again and again was the Soldiers' Orphans' School system of Pennsylvania lauded in our hearing by the strangers to the Centennial city.

Pennsylvania day, September 28th, 1876, is one that will long, long be remembered by us all. As was most fitting, the inmates of the Soldiers' Orphans' Institute and Northern Home turned out *en masse* to the exhibition. The children numbered about four hundred—were under the care of their teachers and other officers. These "wards of the State" attracted a great deal of attention. They were neatly attired—the girls in white dresses, with "red, white and blue" sashes—and the boys in cadet uniform. The entire body rendezvoused at the Pennsylvania Educational Hall, which they always considered "headquarters," and thence marched to the Pennsylvania State building, being escorted by two companies of the Grand Army of the Republic. At the State building they were reviewed by Governor Hartranft and yourself.

The anniversary in May, in the Academy of Music, as usual, was a brilliant affair. Decoration day was duly kept, the orphans of our school assisting Post No. 8, Grand Army of the Republic, in the planting of flags and strewing of flowers in Glenwood cemetery, upon the graves of the heroes of the late war.

The Fourth of July was celebrated in an appropriate manner. The larger boys visited the Permanent Exhibition, through the liberality of George W. Childs, Esquire. The Wednesday before the close of school, the entire body of children were admitted to this *Permanent Exhibition* through the kind invitation of the management. It was a good day, and one fraught with many a useful lesson. The exhibitors took great pains to explain the points of interest to the children. They have our hearty thanks.

But the *great day* of all the year, to which both teachers and pupils look forward with unabating interest, is the annual examination in July, when the deeds of the year are all called into a reckoning.

This year the Soldiers' Orphan Institute was honored with the presence of four State officers, viz.; Inspectors, Rev. C. Cornforth and Mrs. E. W. Hutter, and Deputy Superintendents Hauck and Lindsay. Besides these, a great company of the managers, trustees, and other distinguished gentlemen and ladies of Philadelphia, graced the occasion with their presence.

The examination began at 9 A. M. and was continued during the entire day, July 13th, 1877. The examinations of the various classes were conducted chiefly by the State examiners. The pupils acquitted themselves with great credit. One noticeable feature of the day was the quiet, man-

nerly deportment of the pupils, both in the class-rooms and while at liberty on the grounds.

From two to three o'clock P. M., the little Kinder Garten class, under the care of Miss Walk, was exercised. The hour seemed to be a very happy one for the little children, their teacher and the audience.

In the evening all assembled in the chapel, where appropriate exercises filled up the time. Singing by the children, music by the band, and speeches by the State Examiners and others, and the awarding of diplomas and a copy of Col. James L. Paul's History of the Soldiers' Orphans to the worthy "Sixteeners." The whole scene was a bright and happy one!

After the exercises in the chapel, a drill by the cadets. In this connection we may mention that several of the "boys" of our school, who had been honorably discharged at the age of sixteen, were with the first division, Philadelphia troops, in their late campaign to quell the riot at Pittsburg and Scranton. The drill received at the orphan school fitted them to defend their State that had educated them.

We regret to record the death of Hon. Matthew Baird, a firm friend of our institute, and the patron of the Matthew Baird cornet band. Also, we have lost, by death, three of our oldest lady managers: Miss Susan O'Neil, Mrs. R. T. Shepherd, and Mrs. Worrell.

Several important repairs and improvements have been made during the year. A well rewalled and made available for cool water for the children to drink, repaving of laundry yard, and repairs to the main house.

The Sabbath school continues in a flourishing condition.

Several of our girls have been admitted to a State normal school for the ensuing term.

There has been but little change in the corps of our officers and teachers, and all seem ready to buckle on the armor this fall for another year of *solid work* for the good of their charge.

A LIST OF "SIXTEENERS," IN THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1877.

Below will be found a list of the children who arrived at the age of sixteen during the past year, and were discharged.

There is no better way in which the system could exhibit its fruits.

ANDERSONBURG.

Annie McCartney, with her mother, Harrisburg, Pa.
John Winrick, farming, Huntingdon county, Pa.
Mary Stanford, cook in institution.
Sylvester Decker, farming, Harrisonville, Pa.
Rufus Miller, attending school, New Paris, Pa.
Amelia Blottenberg.
James Taft.
Anson L. Bell, machinist, Altoona, Pa.
John S. Kephart, farming, Muncy, Pa.
George H. Jacobs, at home, Donnelly's Mills, Pa.
Samuel Stuart, Pittsburg, Pa.
Carrie Woodburn, mantuamaking, Altoona, Pa.
Mary A. Evans, with her mother.
Annie Martin, with her mother, Shermansdale, Pa.
Matilda E. Hartley, with her mother, Patterson, Pa.
Thomas W. Kinsloe, farming, Andersonburg, Pa.
Eddie Rupert, with his mother, Huntingdon, Pa.
Sallie Williams, with her mother, Willmore, Pa.
Edward Reed, New Bloomfield, Pa.

BRIDGEWATER.

Alice E. Brown, attending normal school, Hampton, Va.
I. C. Mullen, employed in the institution.
Edward B. Crabb.
John H. Davis, waiter in Philadelphia, Pa.
Thomas N. Lohman, with his aunt, Philadelphia, Pa.
John C. Bacon, in a store, Philadelphia, Pa.
Charles Williams, at home, Pittsburg, Pa.
Albert Shorts, at home, Philadelphia, Pa.
William I. Lyons.



Judge M. MOTZER,
Proprietor.
ANDERSONBURG SCHOOL.

Prof. W. H. HALL,
Principal.

Agnes H. Enty, employed in institution.

Mary S. Scott, at home, Chambersburg, Pa.

Charles Harris, attending normal school, Hampton, Va.

CHESTER SPRINGS.

Annie L. Andrews, with her mother, Allentown, Pa.

John Boyer, errand boy, Philadelphia, Pa.

James Downey, in cotton mill, Manayunk, Pa., @ \$4 per week.

David Evans, miner, Mt. Carmel, Pa.

George Eames, attending school, Weatherly, Pa.

George Foxhill, Philadelphia, Pa.

George Goodwin, printer, Downingtown, Pa.

James Gorman, in mill, Media, Pa.

Elmer Goshorn, Shade Gap, Pa.

R. J. Hunter, domestic service, Downingtown, Pa.

Emma Jones, domestic service, Mt. Carmel, Pa.

Florence Kissinger, with her mother, Shartlesville, Pa.

Leander Kissington, errand boy, White Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

Charles Lebold, with his mother, Phoenixville, Pa.

Sylvester Lantzer, Allentown, Pa.

Emma Luckenbill, dress-making, Pottsville, Pa.

Aaron Miller, Easton, Pa.

Ella Manning, Minersville, Pa., (died.)

Mary E. Mayberry, attending State Normal School, West Chester, Pa.

Charles H. Musselman, telegraphing, Phoenixville, Pa.

William Peoples, farming, West Chester, Pa.

Annetta Rice, Auburn, Pa., (died.)

William Rapine, in grocery store, Philadelphia, Pa.

Joseph Seltzer, with his mother, Philadelphia, Pa.

Harry Vanronk, Mauch Chunk, Pa.

John Vickers, shoemaking, Phoenixville, Pa.

William Vennervaldt, Philadelphia, Pa.

H. M. Ziegenfuss, with Dr. J. R. Hainey, Camden, N. J.

DAYTON.

Watson A. Adams, farming, Indiana county, Pa.

James C. Wilson.

Lindsey E. Carl.

Daniel W. Karlinsey.

Uzetta M. Fink, with her mother, Brady's Bend, Pa.

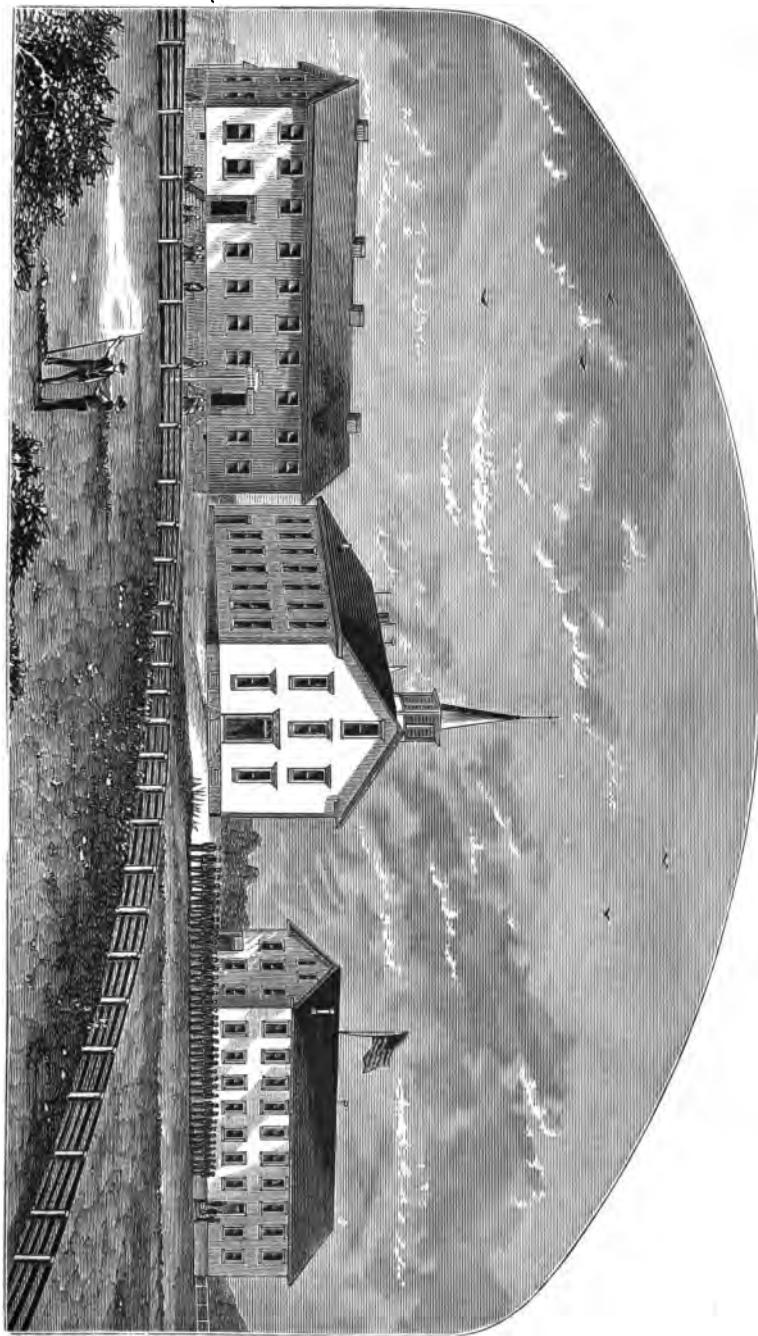
Mattie Ayers, with her mother, Indiana county, Pa.

Henry C. McMillen, with his mother, New Bethlehem, Pa.

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Abram O. Hetrick, farming, Clarion county, Pa.
Miranda H. Pounds, with her mother, Dayton, Pa.
Margaret Brown, with her mother, Armstrong county, Pa.
Vermadel Funk, attending school, Dayton, Pa.
Philip T. Stroup, farming, Indiana county, Pa.
Mary E. Scott, with her mother, Johnstown, Pa.
John L. Campbell.
Rosetta Long, with her mother, Brookville, Pa.
Allen Nulf.
Mary E. Crick.
Aaron Rowley, shoemaking, Freeport, Pa.
Sallie A. Burns, married to Edward Paine.
Eliza M. Bish, married to Thomas Smith.
John G. McCrory, with his mother, Brush valley, Pa.
J. Elsy Smith, with her mother, Indiana, Pa.
Daniel W. Doty, farming, Indiana county, Pa.
Clara McDonald, Indiana, Pa.
Ella J. Meade, with her mother, Brookville, Pa.
Harry J. Burnharm, in printing office, Parker city, Pa.
John S. Byers, attending school, Perrysville, Pa.
William R. Martin, attending school, Dayton, Pa.
James M. Neff, farming, Indiana county, Pa.
Alexander M. Schreckengost.
A. Mabel Patterson, with her aunt, Clarion county, Pa.
Sophia C. Cessna, with her mother, Indiana county, Pa.
Elvarine Clark, with her mother, Indiana county, Pa.
James E. Palmer, with his mother, Westmoreland county, Pa.
Terressa E. Reese, with her mother, New Bethlehem, Pa.
Richard Ayler, with his mother, Kittanning, Pa.
Thomas Cunningham, with his mother, Kittanning, Pa.
Calvin Braddock.
Wilhelmina Hunter, with her mother, Apollo, Pa.
Margaret E. Rhodes.
Lizzie Sauseman.
A. J. Nicholson.
Margaret B. Stitt, with her mother, Leechburg, Pa.
Harry R. McCune, with his mother, Allegheny city, Pa.
George W. Bail, with his mother, Allegheny city, Pa.
Estella McKee, with her mother, Armstrong county, Pa.
Cora A. Work, with her mother, Indiana county, Pa.
J. Edgar Wilson, farming, Armstrong county, Pa.
James H. Early, with his mother, Parker City, Pa.
Samuel F. Kelly, with his mother, Pittsburg, Pa.
Clara Booher.
David S. Fetters, farming, Indiana county, Pa.

DAYTON SCHOOL.



Hannah A. Bailey, with her mother, Perry county, Ohio.

Sarah Klepfer.

Jacob H. Flenner.

Daniel Peters.

Jennie S. Keister.

John A. Coder, farming, Armstrong county, Pa.

Harry W. Gold, with his mother, Humbolt City, Iowa.

Sarah E. Reed, with her grandfather, Jefferson county, Pa.

HARFORD.

Mary Santee, with her uncle, Dorrance, Pa.

Stephen McLaud, farming, Forkston, Pa.

W. H. McCoun, farming, Laxawaxan, Pa.

Draper Warner, farming, Spring Hill, Pa.

William E. Wright, brakeman, D. L. & W. R. R.

Missourie Rehrig, with mother, Plymouth, Pa.

Margaret Culver, with her mother, Spring Hill, Pa.

John Rockwell, teaching, Harford, Pa.

Lucetta Wardell, learning dressmaking, Moscow, Pa.

Luella Magee, with her mother, Laceeyville, Pa.

Augusta Strong, learning millinery, Carbondale, Pa.

Samuel Beardslee, farming.

Edward Gillespie, barber, Tunkhannock, Pa.

Ida Vaow, with her mother, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Ada Bayess, teaching, Scottsville, Pa.

Emma Dickens, teaching.

Martha E. Lewis, with her mother, Sugar Run, Pa.

Carrie E. Collins, with her mother, Scott, Pa.

Kate E. Beebe, attending school, Harford, Pa.

Curtis E. Stevens, teamster, Harford, Pa.

Cassie E. Johnson, with her mother, Plains, Pa.

N. P. McCafferty, farming, Sugar Run, Pa.

Frank E. Ogden, learning watchmaking, Waymart, Pa.

Stephen Ormsby, attending school, Harford, Pa.

George Miller, huckster, Scranton, Pa.

William Upright, with his mother, South Canaan, Pa.

Sarah Davis, attending school, Harford, Pa.

Viola Bronson, with her mother, South Canaan, Pa.

Abner Vanarsdale, miner, Kingston, Pa.

Mary Merrill, attending school, Harford, Pa.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Sarah Cusick, with her mother, New Castle, Pa.
Hannah McNulty, with her mother, Philadelphia, Pa.

LINCOLN INSTITUTION.

Samuel Kirkpatrick, with William Simpson & Sons, Philadelphia, Pa.
John Grear, with Reeves, Parvin & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.
William Phillips, with William H. Taylor, Philadelphia, Pa.
Clarence Wiley, with Collins' printing house, Philadelphia, Pa.
John Kane, with Hood, Bonbright & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.
Andrew Kane, with Hood, Bonbright & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.
James Roscoe, with Potter & Hoffman, Philadelphia, Pa.
George W. Holt, with William H. Harrison & Bro., Philadelphia, Pa.
James Derr, with Wells & Gray, Philadelphia, Pa.
Alexander Baird, with his guardian.
John Hobough, with his guardian.
William Clay, with his guardian.
Joseph Cooper, with Educational Home, Philadelphia, Pa.
Wilmer Hamman, on school ship Constitution, United States Navy.
Philip Brandt, with Brill & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.
William H. Holt, with Kelly & Ludwig, Philadelphia, Pa.

MANSFIELD.

George C. Downing, farming, Mansfield, Pa.
Angeline Wilber, attending State Normal school, Mansfield, Pa.
Ade Butler, with her mother, Westfield, Pa.
Frederick Saxton, farming, Tioga, Pa.
George J. Hulslander, in drug store, Canton, Pa.
Mary Huff, attending Soldiers' Orphan School, Mansfield, Pa.
John B. Kennada, with his mother, Hammond's Creek, Pa.
Eliza M. Wheeler, attending State Normal School, Mansfield, Pa.
William H. DeHaas, with his mother, Williamsport, Pa.
Mary A. Rice, housekeeping, near Mansfield, Pa.
Phida Beardsley, attending State Normal School, Mansfield, Pa.
Clarence Miller, attending State Normal School, Mansfield, Pa.
Helen Smith, teaching near Lawrenceville, Pa.
Lucy Warren, attending State Normal School, Mansfield, Pa.
Albert Porter, with his mother, Shunk, Pa.
David Montgomery, in woolen factory, Huntersville, Pa.
Rachael Saxton, with her mother, Jersey Shore, Pa.
William Pruyne, with his mother, West Burlington, Pa.



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Victor Vargason, with his mother, New Era, Pa.
Alva Thompson, with his mother, Roulette, Pa.
Eliza Miller, with her mother, Athens, Pa.
Franklin Hakes, with his mother, Monroeton, Pa.
Charles Hulett, with his mother, West Addison, New York.
Carrie Andrews, with her mother, Austinville, Pa.
Aurelia McLaughlin, with her mother, Easton, Pa.
Franklin Brown, with his mother, Gaines, Pa.
Lauren Breese, with his mother, Canton, Pa.
Mary Adams, with her mother, Wilmorth, Pa.
Eli J. McConnell, with his mother, Rutland, Pa.
Mary Borden, with her mother, Port Allegheny, Pa.
Ida Sible, with her mother, Camptown, Pa.
George W. Davis, with his sister, Burlington, Pa.
Orlando Divine, with his mother, Towanda, Pa.
Mary E. French, with her mother, Highland, Pa.
Mollie P. Higgins, with her mother, Williamsport, Pa.
Margaret A. Hidding, attending school, Mansfield, Pa.
Anna B. Ingham, with her mother, East Canton, Pa.
Jane Johnson, with her mother, Stoney Fork, Pa.
Sarah Puison, with her mother, Elkland, Pa.
George F. Rice, with his mothnr, Little Marsh, Pa.
Laura H. Smith, with her mother, Rutland, Pa.
Charles Talada, Towanda, Pa.
Cynthia Titus, housekeeping, Hammonds, Pa.
Carson Warren, with his mother, Hornellsville, Pa.
Stephen White, with his mother, Beech Wood, Pa.

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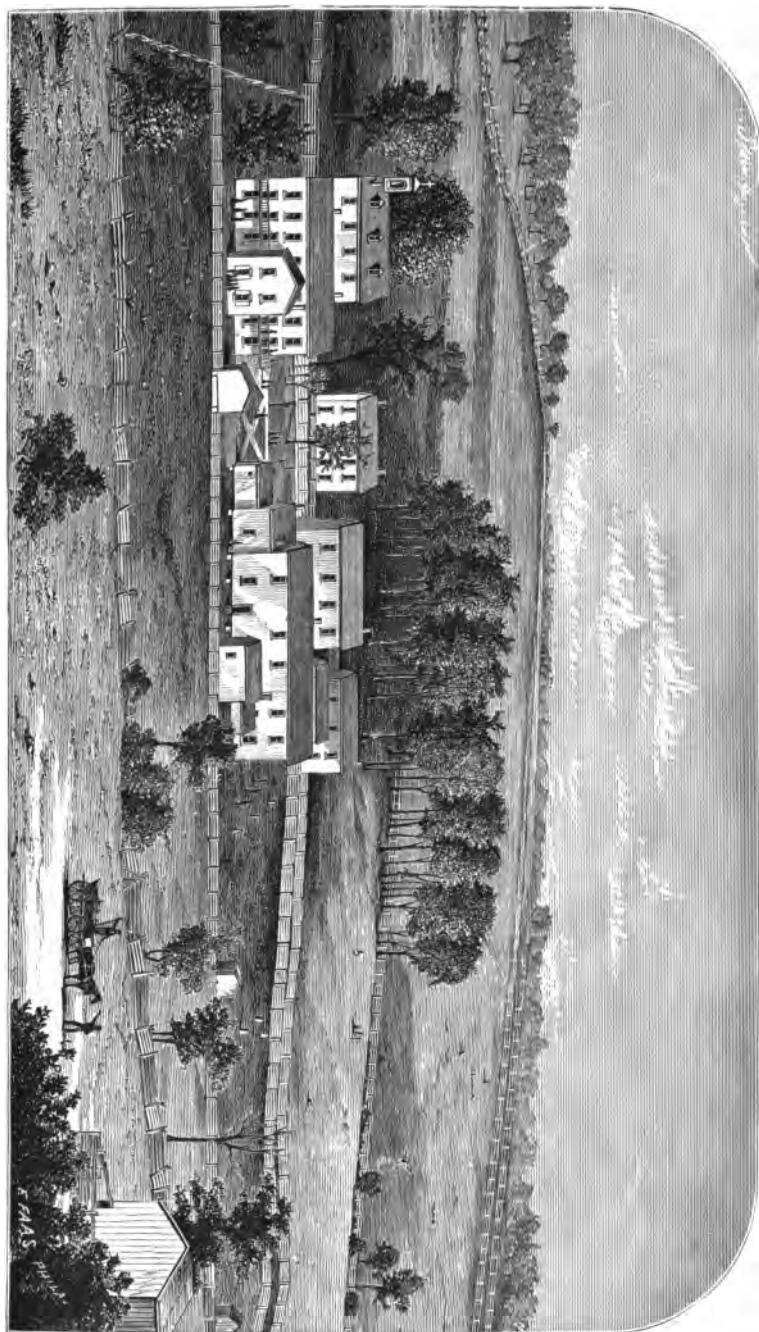
Sarah N. Mickey, Milroy, Pa.
Emma E. Wright, with her mother, New Buffalo.
Annie Davidsizer, with her mother, McVeytown, Pa.
Alice Shaffer, with her mother, Port Royal, Pa.
Cordelia Cramer, with her mother, McAlisterville, Pa.
James F. Starks, with his guardian, Lewistown, Pa.
Rachel H. Yeager, with her mother, Roland, Pa.
Mary J. Cook, with her mother, Bellefonte, Pa.
James Wallace, with his mother, Port Royal, Pa.
Annie Thompson, Illinois.
Albert F. Hite, farming, Mill Creek, Pa.
Annetta Farmer, with her mother, Mill Creek, Pa.
Emma E. Watson, domestic service.
Levi F. Derr, coachmaking, Mifflinburg, Pa.
Sophia Snooks, married, Adamsburg, Pa.

William Thompson, gone West.
Sallie Engle, with her mother, Milroy, Pa.
Hannah Daughenbaugh, with her mother, Howard, Pa.
Margaret J. Hunt, with her mother, Lewistown, Pa.
Theophilus Garmen, farming, Thompsontown, Pa.
Celina Myers, attending school, Smith's Mills, Pa.
Prudence E. Batton, domestic service, Waterford, Pa.
Sarah R. Walls, with her mother, McCulloch's Mills, Pa.
William B. Page, with his mother, Perryville, Pa.
Frances E. Troxell, with her mother, Williamsburg, Pa.
Newton Spotts, gone West.
Susan M. Green, with her mother, Huntingdon, Pa.
Albert Spanogle, attending school, McAlisterville, Pa.
Emma J. Bilger, with her mother, Centreville, Pa.
Annie M. Hughes, with her mother, Martinsburg, Pa.
Laura B. Flanagan, with her mother, Coalmont, Pa.
Emma Holcomb, with her mother, Loyalsock, Pa.

MERCER.

Alfaretta Armstrong, with her mother.
Lura Abbott, attending school, Greenville, Pa.
Lafayette App, attending school, Eldred, McKean county, Pa.
Clara A. J. Billig, attending State Normal school, Indiana, Pa.
Maggie Baldwin, married.
Mary E. Baker, with her mother.
Sophia Brown, with her mother.
Samuel C. Brown, in oil regions.
Susan A. Burns, teaching select school, Scrubgrass, Pa.
Hannah M. L. Coonce, in Kansas.
Nettie Cochrane, with her mother.
Judson Campbell, farming.
Alice E. Crouch, with her mother.
Erla M. Cox, with her mother.
James W. Clark, at home.
Clara A. Crate, with her mother.
Amos F. Campbell, clerk, Edensburg, Pa.
Myram S. Collum, machinist, Franklin, Pa.
Laura Davis, teaching.
Maggie L. Dick, with her mother.
Catharine Edinger, with her mother.
Mary L. Eakin, with her mother.
Mary M. H. Foster, attending school, Sharpsville, Pa.
Thomas C. Fulton, at Petersburg, Pa.
William Farrell, farming.

MERCER SCHOOL.



Marcus W. Fisher, teamster.
Rudolph W. Glatzan, in oil regions.
Samuel W. Y. Guish, painting, Mercer, Pa.
Annie Houston, with her mother.
Sarah M. Hayes, with her mother.
James D. Henderson, farming.
William E. Howard, farming.
Henry Kochler, farming.
Salome Kinne, teaching.
Mary M. Lock, with her mother.
Elmer Leary, farming.
Nettie F. Moore, attending school, Franklin, Pa.
Benjamin A. Moore, printer, Clarion, Pa.
Ada M. McKee, with her friends.
John F. Miller, farming.
Anna Moses, with her mother.
Lizzie McCann, married.
Harrison P. Minner, at home.
William McGittigen, with his mother, New Castle, Pa.
Frank McCray, at home.
John B. McDowell, farming.
Jefferson S. Northrop, Corry, Pa.
Henry E. Osborne, laborer, Franklin, Pa.
Frank F. Osborne, with his mother, Sharpsville, Pa.
Thomas A. Palmer, farming.
Clement S. Pellar, with his mother, Sherman, N. Y.
Estella M. Price, attending State Normal School, Edinboro', Pa.
Arthur B. Rupert, died February 15, 1877.
Charles S. Reynolds, with his mother.
Adam L. Swartzlander, farming.
Mary J. Steele, married.
Marilla Seaton, teaching.
Clara A. Stephenson.
Leva S. Small, with her mother.
Thomas S. Shoaff.
John R. Stevens.
Anna S. Sedden, teaching.
Eva May Thorn, with her mother.
Martha M. Thompson.
John S. Tenney.
George W. Taylor, in oil regions.
Nancy E. Vogus, married.
Margaret Woods, attending school, Reidsburgh, Pa.
Maggie J. Wright, married.
Sarah E. Yardley, attending school.
John Dale, reading medicine.

MOUNT JOY.

Samuel Jennings, plumber and gas fitter, Lancaster, Pa.
William F. Adams, Philadelphia, Pa.
Daniel Billig, clerk, Reading, Pa.
Harrison Small, in rolling-mill, Columbia, Pa.
Amanda Brooks, attending State Normal School, Shippensburg, Pa.
Clara Zimmerman, mantuamaker, Jonestown, Pa.
Jacob Harnish, with his mother, Manheim, Pa.
David Cotterel, clerk, Harrisburg, Pa.
Catharine Mooney, with her mother, Mt. Joy, Pa.
Frank Miller, with his mother, Williamsport, Pa.
Luther A. Germon, Columbia county, Pa.
Thomas Hooper, printer, Philadelphia, Pa.
Miller Ralston, attending high school, Harrisburg, Pa.
Wilber Ralston, machinist, Harrisburg, Pa.
Martha Lindsley, Huntingdon county, Pa.
George W. Schlegelmilch, clerk, Lancaster, Pa.
Morris C. Forsythe, farming, Columbia county, Pa.
Louisa Beaver, mantuamaker, Mahonoy city, Pa.
Alvin H. Leob, clerk, Bernville, Pa.
Theo. E. Beyer, farming, Lancaster county, Pa.
Anna M. Sharlock, Lancaster, Pa.
Martha L. Martin, Lancaster, Pa.
Mary E. Lahley, domestic service, Lancaster county, Pa.
Oliver F. Leed, printer, Lancaster, Pa.
Eva S. Warner, with her mother.
John E. Baker, with his mother, Mt. Union, Pa.
Annie Weaver, with her mother, Marietta, Pa.
Annie Welker, with her mother, Middletown, Pa.
Daniel Hull, car painter, Reading, Pa.
Sallie Aderholt, Middletown, Pa.
Harry L. Horn, farming, Lebanon county, Pa.
Martha Gross, Allentown, Pa.
Grabil Myers, Lancaster, Pa.
Charles J. Robinson, farming, York county, Pa.
Barbara Fisher, with her guardian, Pittsburgh, Pa.
George W. Morgan, farming, Huntingdon county, Pa.
John Wilhelm, Lancaster county, Pa.
Mary J. Benson, with her mother, Lebanon, Pa.
Clara Cramer, Middletown, Pa.
George O. Sharrar, laborer, Huntingdon county, Pa.
Samuel G. Fry, farming, Montour county, Pa.
Frank Paul, Summit Hill, Pa.
Emma A. Sample, entered for State Normal School.
Amzi Whitenight, clerk, Columbia county, Pa.

Charles Hedricks, brick-maker, Lancaster, Pa.
Hannah E. Townsend, attending State Normal School, Bloomsburg, Pa.
Mary R. Witmer, entered for State Normal School.
Edward M. Keys, with his mother, Altoona, Pa.
Sarah J. Nutting, with her guardian, Danville, Pa.
Susannah A. Gottshalk, with her mother, Danville, Pa.
Lewis E. Reicheldifler, with his mother, Bloomsburg, Pa.
Annie R. Syling, with her mother, Saxton, Pa.
Mary A. Stokes, entered for State Normal School.

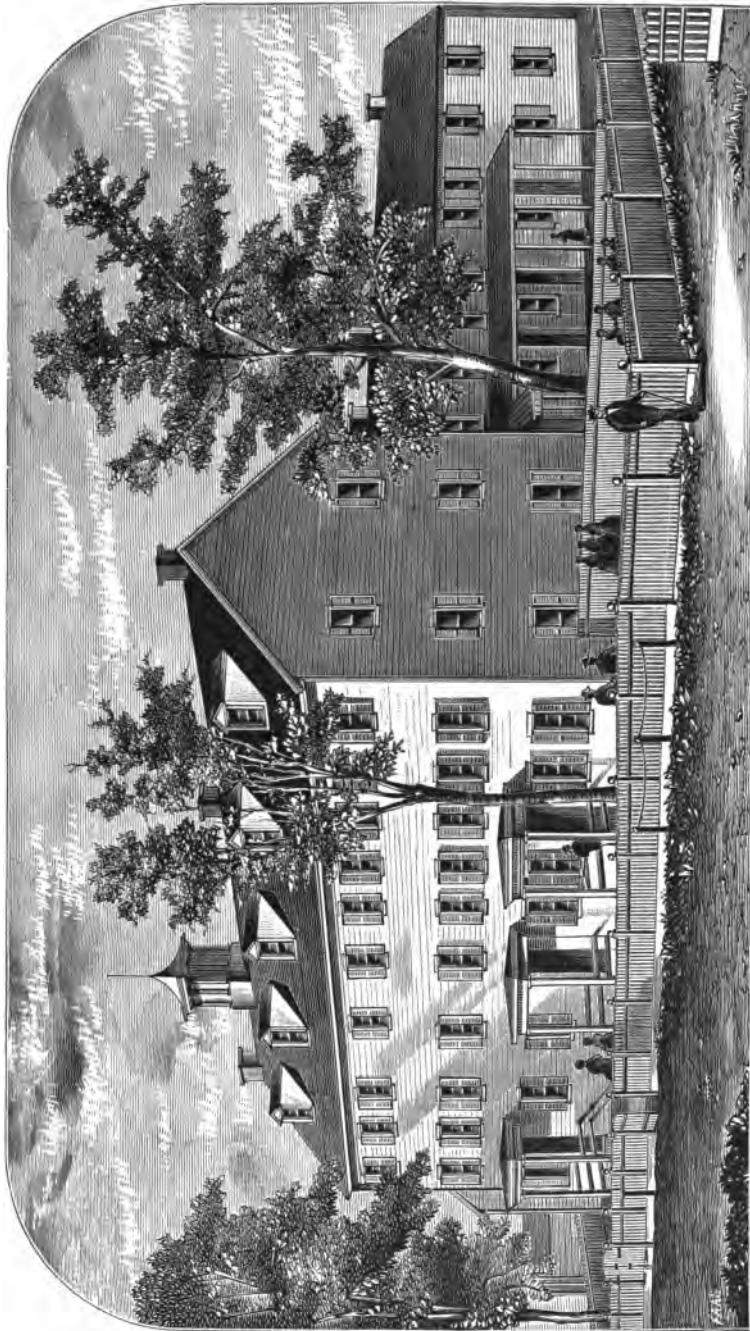
SOLDIERS' ORPHAN INSTITUTE.

Josiah Jones, erecting tools, Thirteenth and Callowhill streets, Philadelphia, Pa.
Charles M. Luckey, farming, Tunkhannock, Pa.
William Arthur, potter, Orange, N. J.
George Stookey, Norristown, Pa.
Isaac F. Schnell, with his grandfather, Reading, Pa.
Harry Wiggins, cigar-maker, Camden, N. J.
Emma L. Clark, dress-maker, Easton, Pa.
Thomas W. Nesbit, needle-maker, Norristown, Pa.
Isabella Creighton, attending State Normal School, Millersville, Pa.
Nelson E. Cramer, farming, near Trenton, N. J.
Anna Megonigal, dress-maker, Camden, N. J.
Kate E. Kinney, weaving, Fourth and Market streets, Philadelphia, Pa.
James L. Jackson, baker, Kingsessing, West Philadelphia, Pa.
Virginia Ridgley, seamstress, 712 Federal street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Mary Gratznowsky, dress-maker, 2109 Gaull street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Albert Guertler, brush-maker, Ninth and Market streets, Philadelphia, Pa.
Thomas Lafferty, farming, Chester county, Pa.
Mary Gallagher, copyist, Broad and Arch streets, Philadelphia, Pa.
Henry Gaull, in woolen-mill, Philadelphia, Pa.
William B. Harvey, died at Pennsylvania University.
Henry C. Hope, copyist, Broad and Arch streets, Philadelphia, Pa.
Thomas Mills, attending school, 636 North Eleventh street, Philadelphia.
Henry Hammer, attending Pearce's Commercial College, Philadelphia, Pa.
James Pancoast, moulder, 600 North Twenty-third street, Philadelphia.
Mary J. Fullerton, domestic service, Beverly, New Jersey.
Earnest Beechner, attending school, Bellefonte, Pa.
John C. Cox, in grocery store, 2230 Fitzwater street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Rachael Willingmyre, dress-maker, Dauphin street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Mary A. Dawson, shirt-maker, Arch street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Martha D. Peak, nurse, Sixteenth, above Wallace street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Thomas L. Snyder, attending school, Kylerstown, Pa.

William McCoy, millwright, 808 Capitol street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Maggie J. Collins, dress-maker, Trenton avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.
John Land, in Diston's saw-works, Front and Laurel streets, Philadelphia.
George Sherman, in oyster business, Reading, Pa.
Amos W. B. Gombar, in grocery store, 522 Market street, Philadelphia.
Theodore Jordan, leaf-lard factory, Nineteenth and Market streets, Philadelphia, Pa.
Jane H. Rhodes, cook, in institution.
Jeremiah Shay, Diston's saw-works, Front and Laurel streets, Philadelphia, Pa.
Edward L. Fisher, telegraphing, Norristown, Pa.
Louisa Schleygls, sewing, in institution.
Mary J. Davis, domestic service, 826 North Twenty-third street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Sarah E. Felton, attending State Normal School, Millersville, Pa.
Harry L. Jones, with his guardian, 718 Selfridge street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Louisa L. Lee, attending State Normal School, Millersville, Pa.
Mary A. Walton, assistant, in institution.
Howard E. Adams, cigar-maker, Darby road, West Philadelphia, Pa.
Elizabeth Wilson, vest-maker, 1514 Montrose street, Philadelphia, Pa.

UNIONTOWN.

Eva J. Malick, attending State Normal School, California, Pa.
Harvey Younkin, with his grandfather.
Anthony B. Blackburn, farming.
Eva Clawson, with her mother.
Rachel Gamble, with her mother.
Jackson Luckey, farming.
Caroline Robinson, domestic service, Pittsburg, Pa.
John R. Miller, farming.
Belle Ralph, with her mother.
DeLeon Davis, learning trade.
Captain L. Nichols, learning trade.
Curtain Haley, miner.
Josiah Burke, on a railroad.
Mary J. Bolton, with her mother.
William H. Maxwell, miner.
Charlotte E. Harkens, attending school.
Blanche Morris, knitting.
Benjamin F. Pearson, miner.
Annie E. Heckard, domestic service, Pittsburgh, Pa.
David C. Reed, attending school, Dunbar's Camp, Pa.
Annie Johnston, with her mother.
Charles Mechling, learning trade.



WHITE HALL SCHOOL.

J. A. MOORE,
Principal.

CAMP HILL P. O.,
Cumberland Co., Pa.

Laura Maynard, with her mother, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Ida Horner, with her mother, Somerset county, Pa.
Thomas Waddington, miner.
Mary McCullough, with her mother, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Silas Soloman, farming.
Harry McCurdy, attending school, Dunbar's Camp, Pa.
Missouri Heinbaugh, with her mother, Ursina, Pa.
Christina Gray, with her mother, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Anna McCullough, attending school.

WHITE HALL.

Sarah J. Zerbe, with her mother, Dalmatia, Pa.
John Croft, farming, Saxton, Pa.
Edmund Tovey, miner, Danville, Pa.
H. Alice Nelson, with her mother, Cessna station, Pa.
Samuel S. Jarrett, learning saddler trade, Montgomery station, Pa.
John Chapman, farming, Rossville, Pa.
Joseph Robbins, blacksmithing, Bower, Pa.
William W. Prosser, with his mother, Harrisburg, Pa.
Susan I. Hornbaker, dress-making, Mercersburg, Pa.
William Wingard, Machinist, Altoona, Pa.
Jacob Michael, with his mother, Harrisburg, Pa.
Rossa A. Friday, with mother, Williamsport, Pa.
Isaac P. Helfrick, attending college, Mercersburg, Pa.
Morris A. Stum, tinner, Newville, Pa.
William H. Test, farming, York Haven station, Pa.
Margaret A. Ricedorf, preparing to teach, Donnelly's Mills, Pa.
John L. Geiser, blacksmithing, Newport, Pa.
Jennie Garrich, clerking in store, Harrisburg, Pa.
Harvey S. Givler, messenger, Harrisburg, Pa.
David B. Sherbon, farming, Marietta, Pa.
James Koons, laborer, Mechanicsburg, Pa.
Lemuel Walker, farming, West Virginia.
Albert W. Harshberger, clerk, Clearfield county, Pa.
William E. Lemon, farming, Cumberland county, Pa.
Charles F. Hoover, painting, Harrisburg, Pa.
Ida Mansberger, with her mother, Mt. Wolf, Pa.
James D. Parker, farming, Hustonville, Pa.
Lizzie Simmon, preparing to teach, Harrisburg, Pa.
George Condo, laborer, Bainbridge, Pa.
Martha E. Rarey, preparing to teach, Mt. Wolf, Pa.
Almeda K. Herring, with her uncle, Indiana.
David Spahr, blacksmithing, Carlisle, Pa.
Emma C. Turner, preparing to teach, Danville, Pa.

LOYSVILLE ORPHAN HOME.

Margaret Moreland, attending State Normal School, Shippensburg, Pa.
Samuel Huggins, laborer, Mansville, Perry county, Pa.
William Hughes, laborer, Fastoria, Blair county, Pa.
Robert M. Layton, teaching, McAllevey's Fort, Huntingdon county, Pa.
Philip Shearer, with his mother, Shermansdale, Pa.
George P. Shearer, with his mother, Shermansdale, Pa.
Lena L. Corbon, married William Fair, Petersburgh, Pa.
Catharine Chesnut, domestic service, Perrysville, Pa.
Lincoln Moyer, with his mother, Hartleton, Pa.
Gwinn Little, learning trade, Gettysburg, Pa.
Adam Brunor, laborer, Neff's Mills, Huntingdon county, Pa.
Joseph M. Davis, with his mother, Sinking Valley, Blair county, Pa.
Stephen G. Coxey, with his guardian, Bellville, Mifflin county, Pa.
Daniel H. Kriner, with his mother, Mooresburg, Montour county, Pa.
Franklin Osman, blacksmithing, Landisburg, Pa.
George H. Sands, attending school, New Bloomfield, Pa.
John Glazier, laborer, Lewistown, Pa.
John Witmyre, carpenter, Milheim, Centre county, Pa.
Daniel Wiser, laborer, Shade Gap, Huntingdon county, Pa.

ST. PAUL'S ORPHAN HOME.

Elizabeth E. A. Martin, attending State Normal School, Edinboro', Pa.
Ephraim J. Steel, with his mother, Butler, Pa.
George M. Snow.
Catharine M. George, with her mother, Petrolia, Pa.
William J. J. McCutcheon, with his mother, Delmont, Pa.

ST. PAUL'S ORPHAN HOME, BUTLER.



A P P E N D I X.

I. ORPHAN SCHOOL DIRECTORY.

SCHOOLS.	PRINCIPAL.	POST OFFICE.	HOW REACHED.
1. Andersonburg,	William H. Hall,	Andersonburg, Perry county,	Via Pennsylvania railroad to Newport; thence to Andersonburg by daily P. M. stage, twenty-four miles.
2. Bridgewater,	James Stitzer,	Bridgewater, Bucks county,	Via Market street horse cars to Third street; Third street horse cars to Kensington depot; Philadelphia and Trenton railroad to Schenectady.
3. Chester Springs,	Mrs. E. H. Moore,	Chester Springs, Chester county,	Via Philadelphia and Reading railroad to Phoenixville; thence by Pickering Valley railroad to Chester Springs.
4. Dayton,	H. McCandless,	Dayton, Armstrong county,	Via Allegheny Valley railroad to Kittanning; thence twenty-two miles to Dayton by stage; stage leaves every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, on arrival of mail train from Pittsburgh.
5. Harford,	H. S. Sweet,	Harford, Susquehanna county,	Via Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western railroad from Scranton to Montrose station; thence to Harford, six miles, by stage daily morning and evening.
6. Industrial School,	W. J. Power,	Cathedral, Logansquare, Philadelphia,	North-west corner Thirty-ninth and Pine streets, West Philadelphia; Darby road passenger cars, or the Chestnut and Washington line.
7. Lincoln Institution,	William M. Hugg,	308 South Eleventh Street, Philadelphia,	Via Market street horse cars to Tenth street; Tenth street horse cars to Institute.
8. Mansfield,	F. A. Allen,	Mansfield, Tioga county,	Via Blosburg and Corning railroad, from Corning, New York, to Mansfield.
9. McAllisterville,	William Bogle,	McAllisterville, Juniata county,	Via Pennsylvania railroad to Mifflin; thence twelve miles to McAllisterville, by stage every P. M., at about 3 o'clock.
10. Mercer,	George W. Wright,	Merger, Mercer county,	Via Shenango and Allegheny Valley railroad, from Greenville to Mercer, and via New Castle and Franklin railroad.
11. Mount Joy,	George W. Wright,	Mount Joy, Lancaster county,	Via Pennsylvania railroad to Mount Joy.
12. Soldiers' Orphan Institute,	A. Harshberger,	Corner Twenty-third and Parish streets, Philadelphia,	Take Union line horse cars (Fairmount) on Ninth street, to corner of Twenty-third and Brown streets.
13. Uniontown,	A. H. Waters,	Uniontown, Fayette county,	Via Pittsburg and Connellsville railroad, from Pittsburg to Uniontown; also South-West Pennsylvania railroad.
14. White Hall,	J. A. Moore,	Camp Hill, Cumberland county,	Via Camp Hill, Cumberland Valley railroad to White Hill, and walk one mile.

Extent of the
ground in acres.

ORPHAN SCHOOL DIRECTORY—Continued.

HOMES.	PERSONS TO BE ADDRESSED.	POST OFFICE.	HOW REACHED.	Extents in acres.
1. Children's Home, 2. Children's Home, 3. Church Home,	Mrs. E. R. Gable, Samuel Small, Esq., Mrs. A. W. Stille,	Lancaster, York, York county, 2201 St. James Place, West Philadelphia,	Vis Pennsylvania railroad to Lancaster. Vis Northern Central railroad to York. Angora, West Chester and Philadelphia railroad depot. Chestnut and Thirty-first streets.	6 2 4
4. Educational Home,	Miss Mary McHenry,	1902 Chestnut street, Philadelphia,	Located Forty-ninth and Greenway avenue of Philadelphia; red or blue cars on Walnut street.	6
5. Loyeville Home,	P. Willard,	Loyeville, Perry county,	Via Pennsylvania railroad to Newport; thence by daily P. M. stage fourteen miles.	33
6. Media Training School for Feeble Minded Children,	I. N. Kerlin, M. D.,	Media, Delaware county,	Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago railroad to Rochester; thence ten miles by stage, leaving at 2½ P. M. daily.	100
7. Orphan Farm School,	W. A. Passavant,	Pittsburg,	Railroad from Ninth and Green streets to Germantown; thence by street cars, or Fourth and Eighth Streets street cars, (yellow.)	400
8. Orphan Home, Germantown,	J. W. Bennett,	Germantown, Philadelphia,	Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago railroad to Rochester. Philadelphia and Reading railroad to Womelsdorf.	7
9. Orphan Home, Rochester,	W. A. Passavant,	Pittsburg,	Pittsburg,	48
10. Orphan Home, Womelsdorf,	D. B. Abright,	Womelsdorf, Berks county,	Philadelphia and Reading railroad or Allegheny Valley rail- road to Freeport; thence to Butler by Butler Branch rail- road.	28
11. St. Paul's Orphan Home,	T. F. Stauffer,	Butler, Butler county,	Via West Pennsylvania railroad to Latrobe.	30
12. St. Vincent's College,	Hilary Pfaenngle,	Beatty's, Westmoreland county,	Pennsylvania railroad to Latrobe.

II. FORM FOR ORPHAN SCHOOLS.

(Class No. 1.)

Application for Admission.

To J. P. WICKERSHAM, *Superintendent of destitute Orphans of deceased Soldiers and Sailors of the State of Pennsylvania:*

I, as do hereby apply for an order for education and maintenance, in accordance with the provisions of the act, entitled "An act authorizing the Governor to accept the donation of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company," approved the 6th day of May, 1864, and of the act to provide for the maintenance of the destitute orphans of the deceased soldiers and sailors of the State, approved March 22, A. D. 1865; and on condition of the granting of said order, and in consideration of the education and maintenance of the orphan above named, according to the plan adopted for carrying said acts into effect, I do hereby resign and transfer to said Superintendent, and to his successors in office, the custody, care, and control of said orphan, for said purpose, till arrival at the full age of sixteen years, with the full right to put or bind out on arrival at said age, for such employment or trade, to such employer or master, and during such term as said superintendent shall then select, with the written assent of said orphan and myself.

In furtherance whereof, I hereto append the following statement of facts in relation to said orphan, with my signature and affidavit thereto.

* P. O.
. County, Pa.

Witness present: †

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Statement.

The above named was born on the day of eighteen hundred ; now resides in common school district, county, Pa.; is the . . . of and is in destitute circumstances, being dependent for support on The father of this orphan was an actual resident of , in this State, where, in the month of , 186 . , he into

the regiment and † in the service of the United States, at in on the . . . day of , 186 . , being then in rank a

The said father was of the denomination in religion, and the subscriber accordingly desires that his orphan shall be trained up in the same creed and observances.

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Pa., ss:

Personally appeared before me, in and for said county, the above subscribed , who being duly . . . does say that the facts set forth in the foregoing statement are true to the best of . . knowledge and belief. In testimony whereof, I have hereto set my hand and seal, this . . . day of , 187

[SEAL.]

Certificate by School Directors.

COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT,
County, Pa.

It is hereby certified that the foregoing application and statement were duly laid before the board of directors of the above named district, and having been carefully examined are found to be true and correct, so far as the facts are known to this board. The orphan therein named is accordingly recommended as a proper person for education and maintenance, under the provisions of the laws on the subject.

Signed and attested, by order of the board, this . . day of . . 187 . .

President.

Secretary.

NOTE.—If the mother has re-married, this application must be executed by a guardian.

*The mother or guardian must sign at both these places.

†Two, if mark is made.

‡If the father died after being discharged, the certificate of a regular physician, certifying under oath that, in his opinion, the father died of a disease contracted in the service, must accompany the application.

(Class No. 2.)

Application for Admission.

To J. P. WICKERSHAM, Superintendent of Destitute Orphans of Deceased Soldiers and Sailors of the State of Pennsylvania:

SIR: I, as the father of do hereby apply for an order for . . . education and maintenance, in accordance with the provisions of the act, entitled "An act authorizing the Governor to accept the donation of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company," approved the 6th day of May, 1864, and of the act to provide for the maintenance of the destitute orphans of the deceased soldiers and sailors of the State,

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approved March 22, A. D. 1865, and its supplements; and on condition of the granting of said order, and in consideration of the education and maintenance of the child above named, according to the plan adopted for carrying said acts into effect, I do hereby resign and transfer to said Superintendent and to his successors in office, the custody, care, and control of said child, for said purpose, till . . . arrival at the full age of sixteen years, with the full right to put or bind . . . out on . . . arrival at said age, for such employment or trade, to such employer or master, and during such term, as said Superintendent shall then select, with the written assent of said child and myself.

In furtherance whereof, I hereunto append the following statement of facts in relation to said child, with my signature and affidavit thereto.

Witness present: †

*
} P. O.
County, Pa.

Statement.

My son, was born on the day of . . . eighteen hundred and ; he now resides with me in common school district, county, Pennsylvania.

In consequence of

† (Here state fully the character of wounds or sickness, and extent of disability.)

I am now in destitute circumstances, and am unable to afford the said proper education and maintenance.

I was an actual resident of county, in this State, where, in the month of 186 . , I enlisted into company regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, and by reason of

(Here state fully the cause of your discharge from the service.)

was honorably discharged from the service of the United States, at on the day of 186 , being at the time in rank a

I would further state that I am of the denomination in religion, and accordingly desire that this child shall be trained up in the same creed and observances.

*

, Pa., ss:

Personally appeared before me, in and for said county, the above subscribed who being duly does say, that the facts set forth in the foregoing statement are true to the best of knowledge and belief. In testimony whereof, I have hereto set my hand and seal, this day of 187

[SEAL.]

Physician's Certificate.

I, the undersigned, a practicing physician in the above named common school district, hereby certify that I have carefully examined the said , and find the extent of the disability as described in the foregoing statement.

Certificate by School Directors.

*Common School District,
. . County, Pennsylvania.*

It is hereby certified, that the foregoing application and statement were duly laid before the board of directors of the above named district, and having been carefully examined, are found to be true and correct, so far as the facts are known to this board. The child therein named is accordingly recommended as a proper person for education and maintenance, under the provisions of the laws on the subject.

*Sign your name at both places.

† Two, if mark is made.

† State fully the character of the sickness, the nature of the wounds, or extent of disability.

Application for a Discharge.

To J. P. WICKERSHAM, Superintendent:

SIR: I, the do hereby make application for
the discharge from the custody, care, and control which you now possess
by virtue of the act, entitled "An act to provide for the continuance of the
education and maintenance of the destitute orphans of the deceased sol-
diers and sailors, and the destitute children of permanently disabled sol-
diers and sailors of the State," approved April 9, 1867, in furtherance
whereof, I hereto append the following statement of facts, with signature
and affidavit thereto:

Statement.

And I further declare that my reasons for asking for the discharge of said child are

And further, that I now have in my possession ample means for his education and maintenance.

Certificate by School Directors.

COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT,
County, Pennsylvania.

It is hereby certified, that the foregoing application and statement were duly laid before the board of directors of the above named district, and having been carefully examined, are found to be true and correct, as far as the facts are known to this board. The orphan therein named is accordingly recommended for discharge, under the provisions of the laws on the subject.

Signed and attested, by order of the board, this . . . day of . . . 187
President.
Secretary.

Form of Affidavit.

Pennsylvania. } ss:

Personally appeared before me , of who, being duly according to law, doth depose and say that the annexed bill is correct, and that the prices charged are those agreed upon by contract with the State, and no more; that no commission, abatement or allowance has been or is to be made to any party to the contract; that the children charged for were actually present and in school during the time charged for, except when absent at regular vacations, on physician's certificate of disability, without leave not exceeding thirty days, of which absence the State Superintendent has been duly informed, or by order of the State Superintendent; and that when absent without leave they were returned at the expense of the institution, in the shortest possible time; and that the Superintendent of Soldiers' Orphan Schools has no pecuniary interest in the Soldiers' Orphan School of which I am the principal or manager, for the period covered by the annexed account against the State; and further deponent saith not.

and subscribed before me, }
 this day of 18 }

Form of Application for Admission to a Normal School, No. 1.

J. P. WICKERSHAM,

Superintendent of Soldiers' Orphan Schools:

SIR: I having been honorably discharged, 187, from the Soldiers' Orphan School at, at the age of sixteen years, and desiring to become a teacher

in the common schools of the State, hereby make application for admission into the State Normal School at Pa., under the provisions made by law for that purpose. If admitted, I pledge myself to obey the regulations of the school, and to pursue my studies with diligence.

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Recommendation.

The undersigned, principal of the Soldiers' Orphan School at , hereby recommends , whose post-office address is , for admission into a State Normal School, believing that disposition and talents specially fit for a teacher.

Principal.

Form of Application for Admission to a Normal School, No. 2.

To J. P. WICKERSHAM,

Superintendent of Soldiers' Orphan Schools:

SIR: I, , whose post-office address is , having attended the State Normal School under your order, for the term of weeks, ending 187 , hereby make application for admission during a second term.

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Recommendation.

The undersigned, principal of the State Normal School hereby certifies that was, while under his charge, diligent in study and correct in deportment; and that possesses those natural and acquired qualifications which in a special manner fit for a teacher.

Principal.

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Order of Admission to a Normal School.

To , *Principal of State Normal School:*

: , *Pa.*

Please admit , a soldier's orphan, into your school to be boarded, instructed, and furnished with text-books, according to contract, for one year from date of entrance, unless removed by my order. As soon as the orphan shall have been admitted, you will be kind enough to inform me, by letter, stating the date of admission.

The design of sending this orphan to a normal school is, that . . . may be fully prepared to teach in the common schools of the State; and you will therefore adopt such a course of study and discipline for . . . as in your judgment will best conduce to that end.

Yours, respectfully,

. , *Superintendent.*

HARRISBURG, PA., 187 .

Diploma for Soldiers' Orphans.

The following is the form adopted for diplomas to soldiers' orphans :

PENNSYLVANIA PROVIDES FOR HER SOLDIERS' ORPHANS.

THIS DIPLOMA

Is to Certify, That , of ,
who died in the service of his Country during the War of the Rebellion, entered the Soldiers' Orphan , under the authority of the State, at , 18 , and left it 18 , at the age of sixteen years, having
studied diligently during that time, and borne a good moral character.

In Testimony Whereof, The State Superintendent and Principal and Teachers of said Soldiers' Orphan have hereunto affixed their names, this day
of , 18

State Superintendent.

Principal.

Teachers.

L. S.

(Form No. 1.)

Normal School Report and Receipt on Account.

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL,

Pa., 187

J. P. WICKERSHAM,

Superintendent Soldiers' Orphan Schools:

SIR: The following soldiers' orphans were admitted into this school, by your order, for the term beginning 187 , at the dates set opposite their names, respectively, and are being instructed and cared for, as provided by law, and by contract with your Department:

Principal.

Recdnt.

Received, 187 , of J. P. Wickersham, Superintendent of Soldiers' Orphan Schools, the sum of on account, being an advance payment of one half the amount charged for the term, at the rate of three dollars (\$3 00) per week, for the tuition, boarding, and text-books furnished the soldiers' orphans above named, under the provisions of an act, approved 187 .

Principal.

(Form No. 2.)

Normal School Report and Receipt in Full.

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL,
Pa., 187

J. P. WICKERSHAM,

Superintendent of Soldiers' Orphan Schools:

SIR : The following is the account of the soldiers' orphans who have attended this school by your order, during the term ending 187 :

Received on account,

Amount due,

Receipt.

Received , 187 , of J. P. Wickersham, Superintendent of Soldiers' Orphan Schools, the sum of in full for the tuition, boarding, and text-books furnished the soldiers' orphans above named, under the provisions of an act, approved 187 .

,
Principal.

Form of Physician's Statement.

(Form No. 1.)

To be executed in case the Father is Deceased.

I am a physician in regular practice, and now reside at county, Pa. I attended professionally the late the father of in his late illness, and for previously; and I hereby certify that he died 187 , of a disease which the following circumstances prove that he contracted while in the service of the United States, during the late war for the suppression of the Rebellion.

[Here give the fullest possible history of the case, stating in particular whether the deceased was afflicted with the disease of which he died while in the army, whether he was ever in a hospital, on its account, whether it was the cause of his discharge, and continued to afflict him continually or at intervals to the time of his death, and whether he drew a pension.]

M. D.

, Pa., ss:

Personally appeared before me, in and for said county, the above subscribed, a physician in good standing, who being duly does say, that the facts set forth in the foregoing statement are true, to the best of . . . knowledge and belief.

In testimony whereof, I have hereto set my hand and seal, this . . . day of, 187 .

[SEAL.]

NOTE.—Only one of this form need be executed in a family of children.

(Form No. 2.)

To be executed in case the Father is Sick or Disabled.

I am a physician in regular practice, and now reside at county, Pa. I have made 187 , a careful professional examination of, and find his sickness or disability to be as follows:

Here state fully the character of wounds or sickness, and extent of disability.

I further certify, that the sickness or disability of the said was caused while in the service of the United States, or in consequence of that service.

M. D.

, Pa., ss:

Personally appeared before me, in and for the said county, the above subscribed, a physician in good standing, who being duly does say, that the facts set forth in the foregoing statement are true, to the best of . . . knowledge and belief.

In testimony whereof, I have hereto set my hand and seal, this . . . day of, 187 .

[SEAL.]

NOTE.—Only one of this form need be executed for a family of children.

III. REPORTS.

Weekly Report.

SOLDIERS' ORPHAN
187 .

To J. P. WICKERSHAM,

Superintendent Soldiers' Orphan Schools:

SIR: The following report is submitted for the week ending . . 187 .

Number on roll as per last report,		
Number admitted on order,		
Number admitted on transfer,		
Total,		
Number discharged on age,		
Number discharged on order,		
Number discharged on transfer,		
Deaths,		
Total on roll,		
Number absent with leave,		
Number absent without leave,		
Number present, males . . . , females, . . . , total, . . .		

NOTE.—The blanks to be filled in all cases with names and dates.

Principal.

Quarterly Report.

SOLDIERS' ORPHAN

187

To J. P. WICKERSHAM,

Superintendent Soldiers' Orphan Schools:

Sir: The following report is submitted for the quarter ending . . 187 :

I. Statistical Summary.

Number admitted from commencement on order,	
Number admitted from commencement on transfer,	

Total,	
Number discharged from commencement on age,	
Number discharged from commencement on transfer,	
Number discharged from commencement on order,	
Deaths,	

Total,	
Number remaining on roll, 187	

II. Quarterly Report.

Number on roll as per last quarterly report,	
Number admitted on order,	
Number admitted on transfer,	

Total,	
Number discharged on age,	
Number discharged on order,	
Number discharged on transfer,	
Deaths,	
Number remaining on roll, 187	
Number absent with leave,	
Number absent without leave,	
Number present, males, . . . ; females, . . . ; total, . . .	

NOTE.—Accompanying this report there must be sent, on sheets the same size as this form, a report from the physician of the institution, and lists as follows:

1. List of children discharged, with dates and causes.
2. List of children transferred, with dates.
3. List of deaths, with dates and diseases causing the same.
4. List of children admitted, with dates.
5. List of absentees, with the date of leaving school and returning, and cause of absence.
6. List of teachers.
7. List of employees.
8. List of notable visitors.

The Superintendent will also be thankful for any additional information that may be calculated to increase his knowledge of the condition and working of the institution.

, Principal.

Report of Out-Door Relief.

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To J. P. WICKERSHAM,

Superintendent Orphan Schools:

SIR: I, trustee of
a soldiers' orphan child, hereby present the following report for the past
six months:

Age of child,

Whole amount of money received from the State on his account,

Amount received at the last payment,

How the last amount received was expended,

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How the child has been employed during the last six months,

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Length of time he has attended school during the last six months,

,
Trustee.

RECEIVED, 187 , of J. P. WICKERSHAM, Super-
intendent of Soldiers' Orphan Schools, dollars, for relief
of, a soldiers' orphan in destitute circum-
stances, for the six months ending 187 .

,
Trustee.

Inspection Report.

To J. P. WICKERSHAM,

187

Superintendent Soldiers' Orphans Schools:

SIR:—The following is the report of my inspection of the made 187

Grounds.	Clothing.				
Extent,	Condition as to quantity,				
Condition of grounds and surroundings,	Condition as to quality,				
 Buildings.	 The School.				
Condition as to repair,	Number of teachers,				
Condition as to { Culinary dep't.,	Character of the teaching,				
cleanliness: School rooms, .	Advancement of the pupils,				
 Dormitories, .	Discipline,				
Adaptation to the purpose,	 Reading: <table border="0"><tr><td>{</td><td>No. of books in library,</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>No. of periodicals taken,</td></tr></table>	{	No. of books in library,		No. of periodicals taken,
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 Furniture.	 Industrial Facilities.				
General condition of furniture,	Number of employés,				
Condition of beds and bedding,	Condition of the industries: <table border="0"><tr><td>{</td><td>Boys',</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Girls',</td></tr></table>	{	Boys',		Girls',
{	Boys',				
	Girls',				
Condition of tables and table furniture,					
Condition of school furniture,					
 Children.	 Moral and Religious Advantages.				
Number of children present,	Moral and religious condition of the institution,				
Condition as to health,	 The Institution as a Whole.				
Condition as to cleanliness,	Condition of the institution as a whole,				
Condition as to morals,	 Improvement Since Previous Visit.				
 Food.	 Degree of progress in improvement,				
Condition of the food,					

Miscellaneous Remarks.

Inspector S. O. Schools.

Instructions to Inspectors.

1. Except where positive results are required, the inspectors will fill up the blanks with the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, meaning, respectively, *very good, good, tolerably good, middling, rather poor, poor, very poor.*
2. The inspectors are directed to point out, on the spot, to the authorities of the several institutions, what they may think requires amendment, and insist upon the needed changes.
3. Details which cannot be properly expressed in the report should be promptly communicated to the superintendent, either in person or by letter.

IV. OFFICIAL CIRCULARS.

Official Circular, No. 1.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, ORPHAN SCHOOLS,
HARRISBURG, June 1, 1871.

*To the Principals and Managers of the
Soldiers' Orphan Schools and Homes:*

By an act of the Legislature, approved May 27, 1871, the undersigned has been entrusted with the supervision of the soldiers' orphans of the Commonwealth, with whom, from the present date, all official business appertaining thereto must be transacted.

While this delicate trust has not been sought, coming, as it is believed it does, with the good will of all concerned, it is assumed with a full sense of its importance, and the most sincere desire to administer it in such a way as to secure the orphans of our dead heroes the greatest measure of good possible from a benefaction, which, in the breadth of its liberality, has no parallel in the history of this or any other country. In this noble work I hope to have the active and earnest coöperation of all concerned in the management of the trust, and the sympathy of the public.

The immediate attention of those interested is asked to the following special directions:

1. All clothing for the pupils in the several institutions will hereafter be furnished by the principals or managers of the same, subject as to its kind, quality, and quantity, to the control of the Superintendent. Accounts for clothing, when presented for settlement, must be accompanied by sworn statements as to their accuracy.

2. All clothing to be purchased for the quarter commencing with the date hereof, will be substantially the same, in kind, as heretofore. Such changes as it shall be found advisable to make will be made known in time to carry them into effect at the beginning of the quarter, commencing September next.

3. All children now in the schools over sixteen years of age, and all others, as soon as they reach that age, must be promptly discharged. No exception can be made, under the present law, in favor of those who have been in the schools a less time than two years.

4. The vacation for the present year will commence on Friday, July 28, and continue until Friday, September 8. The annual examination at the several schools will take place during the two or three weeks preceding the vacation.

5. A meeting of principals, managers, inspectors, and others interested in the Soldiers' Orphan schools will be called at an early day at Harrisburg.

6. The Superintendent expects to be able to visit every institution in the State in which there are soldiers' orphans under instruction before the coming vacation. Having prepared, in 1864, at the request of Governor Curtin, the original plan for the education and maintenance of soldiers' orphans, after which, in their main features, all subsequent plans have been modeled, he feels not only a formal or public, but a deep, personal interest in the success of the system, and will do all in his power to promote it.

J. P. WICKERSHAM,
Superintendent.

Official Circular, No. 2.

DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOLS, SOLDIERS' ORPHANS,
HARRISBURG, June 27, 1871.

To the Principals and Managers of Soldiers' Orphan Schools and Homes:

The present school year will end on Friday, the 28th of July.

The annual examinations will take place at the several schools and homes during the two or three weeks preceding that date. Each examination may continue as many days as those directly controlling it shall deem advisable, but the time of holding the examination must be made to include the day of visitation by the State officers named below.

The examinations will be conducted mainly by the principals or superintendents and teachers of the respective schools and homes, who, at their close, will report to this department, in the form prescribed, the names of the pupils in the different grades and in each class of the same, and the relative standing of each pupil.

For the purpose of witnessing, to the greatest practicable extent, the examinations, and learning the degree of faithfulness with which the work of instruction has been carried on, representatives from this department will be present at the several institutions on certain days, as follows :

The Superintendent.

At Children's Home, Lancaster, Monday morning, July 17.

At Northern Home, Twenty-third and Brown streets, Philadelphia, Tuesday, July 18.

At Lincoln Institution, 308 South Eleventh street, Philadelphia, Wednesday, July 19.

At Church Home, Philadelphia, Wednesday, July 19.

At Bridgewater, Bucks county, Thursday, July 20.

At Chester Springs, Chester county, Saturday, July 22.

At Mt. Joy, Lancaster county, Monday afternoon and evening, July 24.

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While in Philadelphia, the Superintendent will also make brief visits to the other institutions in which there are soldiers' orphans.

Inspector Rev. C. Cornforth.

- At P. and A. Orphan Asylum, Allegheny city, Tuesday, July 18.
At Uniontown, Fayette county, Wednesday, July 19.
At Episcopal Church Home, Lawrenceville, Thursday, July 20.
At Home for Friendless, Allegheny city, Thursday, July 20.
At Phillipsburg, Beaver county, Friday, July 21.
At Dayton, Armstrong county, Monday, July 24.
At Mercer, Mercer county, Wednesday, July 26.
At Titusville, Crawford county, Thursday, July 27.
At Mansfield, Tioga county, Friday, July 28.

James L. Paul, Esq., Chief Clerk Orphans' Schools.

- At Andersonburg, Perry county, Tuesday, July 25.
At Loysville, Perry county, Wednesday, July 26.
At York, York county, Thursday, July 27.

Deputy Superintendent Houck.

- At Womelsdorf, Berks county, Monday, July 24.
At White Hall, Cumberland county, Tuesday, July 25.
At Wilkesbarre, Luzerne county, Wednesday, July 26.
At Harford, Susquehanna county, Thursday, July 27.

Rev. O. H. Miller, School Department.

- At Cassville, Huntingdon county, Tuesday, July 25.
At McAlisterville, Juniata county, Thursday, July 27.

Samuel Glenn, County Superintendent, Butler County.

- At St. Paul's Orphan Home, Butler, Tuesday, July 25.

The Superintendent will probably attend some of the examinations with Messrs. Houck, Miller, and Paul. He has now arranged to be at White Hall and McAlisterville.

Mrs. E. E. Hutter, lady inspector, will be present at a number of the examinations, as will also, it is hoped, His Excellency Governor Geary, and the several members of the Board of State Charities.

It is hereby recommended—

1st. That the examinations be so arranged at the different schools and homes as to close on the day the State authorities have appointed to be present.

2d. That the examination be public.

3d. That superintendents, directors, and teachers of common schools, members of superintending committees, members of the Legislature, judges of the courts, clergymen, editors, and citizens who are interested in the noble work of educating our orphan children, of the proper localities, be specially invited to attend and take part in the examinations.

4th. That every arrangement be made beforehand necessary to facilitate the examinations.

The regulations heretofore issued from this department, concerning vacation, remain in force, and must be conformed to by all concerned.

J. P. WICKERSHAM,
Superintendent.

Official Circular, No. 3.

DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOLS, SOLDIERS' ORPHANS,
HARRISBURG, August 14, 1871.

To the Principals and Managers of Soldiers' Orphan Schools and Homes:

Under the provisions of the appropriation bill of 1871, the amounts allowed the several institutions for the education and maintenance, including clothing, of soldiers' orphan children for the present year, are as follows :

To the institutions named below, \$150 will be allowed for each child above ten years of age, and \$115 for each child of less than that age, viz : Dayton, Philipsburg, White Hall, Uniontown, Cassville, McAlisterville, Mount Joy, Harford, Mansfield, Titusville, Chester Springs, Bridgewater, Emaus, Andersonburg, Mercer, Soldiers' Orphan Institute, and Lincoln Institution.

To the several homes and asylums that have never received any appropriations from the State, \$100 will be allowed for each child of legal age.

To the several homes and asylums that have received, at any time, appropriations from the State, \$115 will be allowed for each child of legal age.

It will be seen upon examination that these allowances are in strict accordance with the act, and they cannot be departed from. The authorities of the several institutions must govern themselves accordingly in making out their bills.

A full account of all purchases for clothing must be kept, and also of all clothing issued to each child, but these accounts need not be presented to this department for settlement until near the close of the year.

No bill will be approved and placed in the hands of the Auditor General for payment until the institution presenting it has on file all reports due the department.

J. P. WICKERSHAM,
Superintendent.

Official Circular, No. 4.

DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOLS, SOLDIERS' ORPHANS,
HARRISBURG, September 15, 1871.

To the Trustees of Soldiers' Orphans Receiving Partial Out-Door Relief:

Your attention is respectfully called to the following information and directions for managing your trust:

1. Under the appropriation act of 1871, no expense for orphan children receiving partial out-door relief, incurred prior to June 1, 1871, can be now paid without a special future appropriation. Such bills, however, remaining unsettled by the late administration, may be sent to this department, where they will be filed to await the action of the Legislature.

2. Payments of this kind will be made hereafter on the first of September and the first of March, each for six months, the first six months ending December 1, and the second June 1.

3. Before payments are made, the department will require the blanks in the prescribed form of report to be filled up and forwarded, accompanied with a receipted bill for the amount agreed upon.

J. P. WICKERSHAM,
Superintendent.

Official Circular, No. 5.

DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOLS, SOLDIERS' ORPHANS,
HARRISBURG, September 15, 1871.

To the Principals and Managers of Soldiers' Orphan Schools and Homes:

Your attention is respectfully called to the following directions :

I. CLOTHING.

1. *General Rules in Regard to Clothing.*—First, the clothing for the respective sexes must be uniform in each institution. Second, the boys' clothing must be *military* in style. Third, the clothing must be seasonable, good in kind, and sufficient in quantity for Sunday and every day wear and for weekly changes.

2. *Kinds of Clothing.*—In the matter of the kinds of clothing, much is left to the judgment and taste of the authorities of the different schools and homes; but they are expected to provide their children with at least one suit in substantial conformity to the following suggestions :

For boys, a *West Point gray cadet suit*, consisting of *pants*, with black stripes down the sides; *jacket*, buttoned to the neck, American Eagle or Pennsylvania State buttons; *cap*, gray, to match suit. Or, *dark navy blue suit*, consisting of *pants* and *jacket*, made same as described in gray suit;

cap, dark blue, to match suit. Or, *dark blue jacket and light Kersey pants*, made in military style, with *cap*, dark blue, to match suit.

For GIRLS, in winter, a *dress* of black alpaca-poplin, trimmed with blue or red; or alpaca-poplin, wine color, blue or plaid, trimmed with same material as quillings or bands; black cloth *coat*; winter *hat*. In summer, a *dress* of white drilling, pink calico, gingham or delaine; straw *hat*, neatly trimmed, and summer *sacque*.

3. *Price List for Making Clothing and Mending Shoes.*—Until further orders, the prices allowed for making clothing and mending shoes will be as follows:

FOR GIRLS.	FOR BOYS.
Sunday dresses,	60 cents.
Every-day dresses,	40 "
Chemises,	15 "
Drawers,	15 "
Aprons, low,	8 "
Aprons, with bodies,	16 "
Skirts,	20 "
Skirts, with bodies,	30 "
	Pants, winter, 65 cents.
	Jackets, winter, 1 10 "
	Pants, summer, lined, 40 "
	Pants, summer, unlined, 30 "
	Jackets, summer, lined, 50 "
	Jackets, summer, unlined, 40 "
	Shirts, muslin, 35 "
	Shirts, woolen, 30 "

FOR MENDING SHOES.

For pair of half-soles,	60 cents.	For each patch,	7 cents.
For pair of heel-taps,	20 "	For each seam sewed,	3 "
For each toe-tap,	10 "		

No allowance will be made for mending clothing.

4. *Mode of Keeping Clothing Accounts.*—The authorities of the several schools will have to keep two clothing accounts: First, an INVOICE ACCOUNT, in which must be kept the amounts paid for clothing, and the transportation of clothing, together with the charges made for making clothing and mending shoes. Vouchers must be kept corresponding with the amounts paid out. These amounts, at the end of the year, must equal \$25, multiplied by the average number of children in the institution above ten years of age, plus \$19 16, multiplied by the average number of children below that age. Second, an ISSUE ROLL, in which each child is carefully charged with every article issued to him, and all the shoe-mending he has had done. The issue roll must show that the *average* value of the clothing and mending of each child in the institution above ten years of age, for the year, is \$25; and of that for each child below ten years of age, it is \$19 16. Of the children above ten years of age, each child must receive at least twenty-one dollars (\$21) worth of clothing; and of those below ten years, each child must receive at least sixteen dollars (\$16) worth. Copies of the invoice account, with vouchers and bills, and of the issue rolls, must be forwarded to the department at the close of the last quarter of the year. These need not be in duplicate.

These directions, as to clothing, except so far as the general rules relating to it and the kinds suggested are concerned, have no reference to the homes which receive only \$100 and \$115 for the instruction and mainte-

nance of each child. In their case, the children must be clothed subject to inspection, and no special accounts for clothing need be kept or rendered.

II. RULES RELATING TO CHARGES.

1. Children discharged or transferred may be charged for until they leave the institution.
2. No charge can be allowed for children until they actually enter the institution.
3. No allowances for pay can be made for children entering an institution without orders.
4. Children who are absent more than thirty days, either with or without leave, except at the regular vacations, are not to be charged for without the consent of the State Superintendent.

III. FOOD.

No regular bill of fare will be prescribed. All the schools and homes will certainly provide food for their children that is proper in variety, healthy in kind, and sufficient in quantity, and nothing more is desired.

IV. SLEEPING APARTMENTS.

Care must be taken that the sleeping apartments are all *well ventilated* and *not over-crowded*. The beds and bedding must be clean and comfortable.

V. INDUSTRIES.

As soon as possible there should be organized in all the schools and homes some means of giving *systematic* employment, both in winter and summer, to the children during working hours. *Mere job or chore work does not furnish the required industrial discipline.* The work done will form a feature at the next annual examination.

VI. MILITARY TACTICS.

Drills in military tactics must be *systematically* kept up in all the institutions where there are boys over ten years of age. The boys in all the schools will be expected to be proficient in the "School of the Company" by the next examination.

VII. COURSE OF STUDY.

The *branches* now taught in the different grades will be continued, with the addition of object lessons in the first four grades, and grammar in the eighth grade. The extent to which each branch shall be studied in the several grades is left to the teachers. Progress will be measured more by the proficiency of the pupils in the several branches, as exhibited to the inspectors and at the examination, than by the number of books or parts of books they have passed over. Due attention should be given to vocal music, the writing of original compositions, and drawing.

VIII. INSTRUCTION.

The teachers employed should be skillful. Special attention should be paid to the manner of teaching the younger pupils. Above all, the children should be trained morally. They should live in a moral atmosphere. The example of noble Christian lives should be constantly before them. Every day should witness their rising to a higher moral plane. The end that should be kept constantly in view by all connected with the education of these soldiers' orphans, is to make them, not so much good scholars, as good citizens and good men and women.

I shall expect to learn very soon that a *well organized* Sabbath school has been established in connection with every school and home in the State where that good work has not been already done.

IX. REPORTS.

The department will hereafter require reports as follows:

1. *Weekly and quarterly* reports, for which printed forms will be furnished.
2. An annual *instruction* report, similar to the one made the present year.
3. An annual *report in writing*, giving an account of the progress and improvement made during the year, and the sanitary, industrial, educational, and moral condition of the institution, together with the history of individual children, so far as may be necessary, to show the character of the work done, and any additional information that it may be desirable to communicate. Abstracts of these reports will be printed in the annual report of the department.

All reports due the department from any institution, must be on file in the form required before its bills are approved.

X. CHILDREN WHO HAVE LEFT SCHOOL.

The authorities of the different institutions are enjoined to use their best efforts to obtain suitable employment for the children leaving school at the age of sixteen, to keep up a correspondence with them, to bring them back to the institution at stated times; in short, to be fathers to the fatherless, that the noblest benefaction ever made by a Christian State may produce its richest fruit.

J. P. WICKERSHAM,
Superintendent.

Official Circular, No. 6.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, ORPHAN SCHOOLS,
HARRISBURG, March 11, 1872.

To the Principals and Managers of the Soldiers' Orphan Schools:

1. Your bills for the current quarter, the last quarter of the present school year, must be accompanied with the required clothing accounts. These will consist, first, of an **INVOICE ACCOUNT**, presenting a full detailed statement of all purchases of clothing and all moneys paid out or charges made on account of clothing during the year. This statement should be plainly written on one side of sheets of foolscap paper. An inventory of the stock on hand should be appended. Second, of an **ISSUE ROLL**, in which each child is carefully charged, at their cost prices, with the articles he has received. Forms will be furnished for this purpose. In this connection, attention is called to paragraph 4, of Circular No. 5.

2. The annual written and instruction reports now required from each institution must be on file here by the 1st of August. The written reports, if not exceeding in length three pages of the report of the Department, will be published in full. These reports should give brief accounts of the progress and improvement made during the year, and the sanitary, industrial, educational, and moral condition of each institution, and any additional information that may be deemed desirable.

3. Each school will be expected to furnish, with the reports named above, as complete a list as it is practicable to prepare, of all children who have gone from it at the age of sixteen, and stating how they are now employed in the manner of the partial lists contained in the last annual report of this department.

4. All the schools will be visited and carefully inspected by both the inspectors during the current quarter, and no further bills from any one will be paid unless a paper, signed by these officers, shall be placed on file, certifying that it is in all respects in a satisfactory condition; or in the absence of such paper, unless by personal inspection, the Superintendent is convinced that the institution is managed in accordance with the requirements of law and the directions of this Department.

5. A beautiful diploma for the "Sixteeners" is now being engraved, and it is expected will be ready for delivery in a few weeks.

6. The annual examinations at the several schools will take place this year about the usual time. Details will be made known in another circular.

J. P. WICKERSHAM,
Superintendent.

Official Circular, No. 7.

DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOLS, SOLDIERS' ORPHANS,
HARRISBURG, June 17, 1872.

To the Principals and Managers of the Soldiers' Orphan Schools and Homes:

Vacation this year will commence on Monday, July 22, and continue till Monday, September 2, six weeks.

The annual examinations at the several institutions may continue as many days as those directly controlling them shall deem advisable, but the time of holding each examination must be made to include the day of the visitation of the State officers named below.

The State officers, when present, will conduct the examinations, calling on such persons to assist them as they may deem proper; and it is hereby directed that, in general, they limit the examination in the lower classes to some one branch of instruction, reserving most of the time for a more general examination of the higher classes, or the classes containing pupils soon to leave the institutions.

The reports of the examinations will be made out as last year, by the officers of the several schools and homes, and forwarded to this Department.

Special Examinations.

The inspectors, Rev. C. Cornforth and Mrs. E. E. Hutter, will hold a special examination at the Lincoln Institution, 308 South Eleventh street, Philadelphia, on Wednesday, June 26.

Examinations at the Homes.

The inspectors will also visit the several homes, and examine the pupils as follows:

Catholic Home, Philadelphia, Thursday, June 27, A. M.

St. John's Orphan Asylum, Philadelphia, Thursday, June 27, P. M.

Industrial School, Philadelphia, Friday, June 28, A. M.

Church Home, Philadelphia, Friday, June 28, P. M.

Orphan Home, Germantown, Saturday, June 29, A. M.

St. Vincent Asylum, Tacony, Saturday, June 29, P. M.

Lancaster Home, and St. James' Orphan Asylum, Lancaster, Monday, July 1.

York Home, York, Tuesday, July 2, A. M.

Pittsburg and Allegheny Orphan Asylum, Allegheny, Wednesday, July 3.

St. Paul's Orphan Home, Butler, Friday, July 5.

Episcopal Church Home, Pittsburg, Saturday, July 6, A. M.

Home of the Friendless, Allegheny, Saturday, July 6, P. M.

The Superintendent will be at—

Orphan Home, Womelsdorf, Friday, July 5.

Examinations at the Schools.

The Superintendent will attend—

At Andersonburg, Perry county, Wednesday, July 19.

At Loysville, Perry county, Wednesday evening and Thursday morning, July 10 and 11.

At Cassville, Huntingdon county, Friday, July 12.

At Philipsburg, Beaver county, Wednesday, July 17.

At Mercer, Mercer county, Friday, July 19.

Inspector Cornforth will attend—

At Uniontown, Fayette county, Monday, July 8.

At Dayton, Armstrong county, Wednesday, July 10.

At Titusville, Crawford county, Friday, July 12.

At Mansfield, Tioga county, Tuesday, July 16.

At Harford, Susquehanna county, Thursday, July 18.

Wilkesbarre Home, Friday, July 19.

White Hall, Cumberland county, Saturday, July 20.

Deputy State Superintendent Houck will attend—

At Chester Springs, Chester county, Tuesday, July 16.

At Soldiers' Orphan Institute, Philadelphia, Wednesday, July 17.

At Bridgewater, Bucks county, Thursday, July 18.

At Mount Joy, Lancaster county, Friday, July 19.

Mr. J. N. Beistle, of the School Department, will attend—

At McAlister'sville, Juniata county, Thursday, July 18.

Several county superintendents and other gentlemen not named will take part in the examinations.

Mrs. E. E. Hutter, lady inspector, will attend a number of the examinations at the schools, and invitations to be present will be extended to His Excellency Governor Geary and the Board of State Charities.

An exhibition of industrial skill and a military drill will form a feature of the examinations. Drawing and copy-books should be ready for inspection.

The examinations will be, as heretofore, public; and the authorities of the several schools are requested to invite specially the presence of directors and teachers of common schools, members of superintending committees, members of the Legislature, judges of courts, clergymen, editors, and such other citizens of the several localities as have interested themselves in the work of educating our orphan children.

The examinations will commence as nearly as practicable at 9, A. M., and 2, P. M. Every arrangement should be made beforehand, to prevent unnecessary delay.

The regulations for vacation will be the same as heretofore.

J. P. WICKERSHAM,
Superintendent.

Special Circular.

DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOLS, SOLDIERS' ORPHANS,
HARRISBURG, PA., May 9, 1872.

Principal Soldiers' Orphan School at

DEAR SIR: Under an act of the recent session of the Legislature, I propose to place, near the first of September next, about fifteen soldiers' orphans of proper age and qualifications in the State Normal School, with the design of training them for teachers.

My purpose in writing is to ask you to make this fact as widely known among those who are or have been pupils at your school as may be practicable, and report to this Department, from time to time, the names of such competent persons as may desire to avail themselves of the opportunity so generously offered them by the State of preparing for a noble profession. All names sent in should be accompanied with testimonials of scholarship, character, and fitness.

The conditions on which pupils will be admitted into the normal schools on this foundation are the following:

1. They must be over sixteen years of age.
2. All their expenses for boarding, tuition, and text-books will be paid. Any other expenses they must pay for themselves.
3. They must agree to remain at school for at least one year.

They must agree to be directed in their studies by the faculty of the school to which they are sent, and by this Department.

Very respectfully,

J. P. WICKERSHAM,
Superintendent.

Official Circular, No. 8.

DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOLS, SOLDIERS' ORPHANS,
HARRISBURG, June 9, 1873.

To the Principals and Managers of Soldiers' Orphan Schools and Homes:

Vacation this year will commence on Monday, July 21, and continue till Monday, September 1, six weeks.

The annual examinations at the several institutions may continue as many days as those directly controlling them shall deem advisable, but the time of holding each examination must be made to include the day of the visitation of the State officers named below.

The State officers, when present, will conduct the examinations, calling on such persons to assist them as they may deem proper; and it is hereby

directed that, in general, they limit the examination in the lower classes to some one branch of instruction, reserving most of the time for a more general examination of the higher classes, or the classes containing pupils soon to leave the institutions.

The reports of the examinations will be made out as last year, by the officers of the several schools and homes, and forwarded to this Department.

Special Examinations.

Special examinations have already been held by the Superintendent, at the Soldiers' Orphan Institute and the Lincoln Institution, Philadelphia.

Examinations at the Homes.

The inspector will visit the several Homes, and examine the pupils, as follows:

Pittsburg and Allegheny Orphan Asylum, Allegheny, Monday, June 16.

St. Paul's Orphan Home, Butler, Tuesday, June 17.

Home of the Friendless, Allegheny, Wednesday, June 18, A. M.

Episcopal Church Home, Pittsburg, Wednesday, June 18, P. M.

York Home, York, Friday, June 20.

Catholic Home, Philadelphia, Monday June 23, A. M.

St. John's Orphan Asylum, Philadelphia, Monday, June 23, P. M.

Industrial School, Philadelphia, Tuesday, June 24, A. M.

Church Home, Philadelphia, Tuesday, June 24, P. M.

Orphan Home, Germantown, Wednesday, June 25, A. M.

St. Vincent Asylum, Tacony, Wednesday, June 25, P. M.

The Superintendent will be at Lancaster Home, Lancaster, Monday, July 7, A. M.

Deputy Superintendent Houck will be at Orphan Home, Womelsdorf, Tuesday, July 8, A. M.

Examination at the Schools.

The Superintendent will attend—

At Chester Springs, Chester county, Tuesday, July 8, A. M.

At Bridgewater, Bucks county, Wednesday, July 9.

At McAlisterville, Juniata county, Friday, July 11.

At White Hall, Cumberland county, Tuesday, July 15.

At Mount Joy, Lancaster county, Thursday, July 17.

Inspector Cornforth will attend—

At Mercer, Mercer county, Tuesday, July 8.

At Titusville, Crawford county, Wednesday, July 9.

At Dayton, Armstrong county, Friday, July 11.

At Cassville, Huntingdon county, Tuesday, July 15.

At Andersonburg, Perry county, Thursday, July 17.

At Loysville, Perry county, Friday, July 18.

Prof. Robert Curry, Assistant Deputy Superintendent, will attend—

At Phillipsburg, Beaver county, Tuesday, July 15.

At Uniontown, Fayette county, Thursday, July 17.

Colonel James L. Paul, Chief Clerk, will attend—

At Wilkesbarre Home, Luzerne county, Tuesday, July 15, A. M.

At Harford, Susquehanna county, Wednesday, July 16.

At Mansfield, Tioga county, Friday, July 18.

Several county superintendents and other gentlemen not named will take part in the examinations.

Mrs. E. E. Hutter, lady inspector, will attend a number of the examinations at the schools, and invitations to be present will be extended to His Excellency, Governor Hartranft, and Colonel Robert B. Beath, commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Board of State Charities.

An exhibition of industrial skill and a military drill will form a feature in the examinations. Drawing and copy-books should be ready for inspection.

The examinations will be, as heretofore, public; and the authorities of the several schools are requested to invite specially the presence of directors and teachers of common schools, members of superintending committees, soldiers, members of the legislature, judges of the courts, clergymen, editors, and such other citizens of the several localities as have interested themselves in the work of educating our orphan children.

The examinations will commence as nearly as practicable at 9, A. M., and 2, P. M. Every arrangement should be made beforehand, to prevent unnecessary delay.

The regulations for vacation will be the same as heretofore.

J. P. WICKERSHAM,
Superintendent.

Official Circular, No. 9.

DEPARTMENT OF SOLDIERS' ORPHAN SCHOOLS,
HARRISBURG, PA. April 8, 1874.

To the Mothers, Guardians, and Friends of the Soldiers' Orphans of the School at Cassville:

Herewith you will receive the furlough granted the children placed at your request in the school at Cassville. The school has been closed by legislative authority, and it has been thought best to allow the children who have been attending it, the privilege of visiting their homes and consulting with their friends before being transferred elsewhere. The State will see to the payment of the cost of travel in making the visit, for all who report promptly upon receiving the order of transfer, at the end of the time for which the furlough is granted.

The selection of schools in which these orphans may receive instruction for the remaining years until they shall be sixteen, the Superintendent will leave to your own choice, if expressed within two weeks after the receipt

of this circular; but if you neglect to mention within the time named, a school to which you would prefer to have those under your care transferred, the one which is thought the most convenient or suitable will be designated here and the transfer ordered.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the Orphan School Directory, which will furnish any needed information in regard to the location, principal, and mode of reaching the several institutions now in operation as Orphan Schools.

The Superintendent expects a ready and willing compliance with his directions by all concerned, giving in return the assurance that nothing will be left undone on his part to secure the future welfare of the children.

J. P. WICKERSHAM,
Superintendent.

Official Circular, No. 10.

DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOLS, SOLDIERS' ORPHANS,
HARRIBURG, June 3, 1874.

To the Principals and Managers of Soldiers' Orphan Schools and Homes:

Vacation this year will commence on Monday, July 20, and continue till Tuesday, September 1, six weeks. All the children must return to school promptly at the end of the vacation, as a reduction will hereafter be made in the case of those who remain away even for a short time. The "thirty day" rule will no longer be applied to this class of absences.

The annual examinations at the several institutions may continue as many days as those directly controlling them shall deem advisable, but the time of holding each examination must be made to include the day of visitation by the State officers named below.

The State officers, when present, will conduct the examinations, calling on such persons to assist them as they may deem proper; and it is hereby directed that, in general, they limit the examination in the lower classes to some one branch of instruction, reserving most of the time for a more general examination of the higher classes, or the classes containing pupils soon to leave the institution.

The reports of the examinations will be made out as they were last year, by the officers of the several schools and homes, and forwarded to this department.

Special Examinations.

Special examinations have already been held by Inspector Cornforth, at the Lincoln Institution, Educational Home for Boys, Church Home, Catholic Home, St. John's Orphan Asylum, Industrial School, Germantown Orphan Home, and St. Vincent Asylum.

Annual Examinations.

The Superintendent will attend—

- At Harford, Susquehanna county, Tuesday, July 7, A. M.
At Titusville, Crawford county, Thursday, July 9, A. M.
At Dayton, Armstrong county, Friday, July 10, P. M., and a part of Saturday.
At Uniontown, Fayette county, Monday, July 13, P. M., and a part of Tuesday.
At Phillipsburg, Beaver county, Wednesday, July 15, A. M.
At Mercer, Mercer county, Thursday, July 16, A. M.

Inspector Cornforth will attend—

- At York Home, York, Wednesday, June 10, A. M.
At Lancaster Home, Lancaster, Tuesday, June 16, A. M.
At Womelsdorf Home, Womelsdorf, Thursday, June 18, A. M.
At Pittsburg, and Allegheny Orphan Asylum, Wednesday, June 24, A. M.
At St. Paul's Orphan Home, Butler, Thursday, June 25, P. M.
At Mansfield, Tioga county, Tuesday, July 7, A. M.
At Soldiers' Orphan Institute, Philadelphia, Thursday, July 9, A. M.
At Bridgewater, Bucks county, Friday, July 10, A. M.
At Chester Springs, Chester county, Saturday, July 11, A. M.
At Mount Joy, Lancaster county, Monday, July 13, A. M.
At White Hall, Cumberland county, Tuesday, July 14, A. M.
At McAlister'sville, Juniata county, Wednesday, July 15, A. M.

Deputy State Superintendent Houck will attend—

- At Andersonburg, Perry county, Wednesday, July 15, A. M.
At Loysville, Perry county, Thursday, July 16, A. M.

Deputy State Superintendent Curry will assist the Superintendent at several examinations in the western part of the State. The county superintendents of the counties where the examinations are held will take part in them.

Mrs. E. E. Hutter, Lady Inspector, will be present at a number of the examinations, as will also, it is hoped, His Excellency, Governor Hartranft, and members of the Board of State Charities.

An exhibition of industrial skill and a military drill will form a feature of the examinations. Drawing and copy-books should be ready for inspection.

The examinations will be, as heretofore, public; and the authorities of the several schools are requested to invite, specially, the presence of superintendents, directors, and teachers of common schools, members of superintending committees, soldiers, members of the Legislature, judges of the courts, clergymen, editors, and such other citizens of the several localities as have interested themselves in the work of educating our orphan children.

The examinations in the forenoon will commence as nearly as practicable at nine, A. M., and those in the afternoon at two, P. M. Every arrangement

should be made beforehand, to prevent unnecessary delay. The regulations for vacation will be the same as heretofore.

J. P. WICKERSHAM,
Superintendent.

Official Circular, No. 11.

**DEPARTMENT OF SOLDIERS' ORPHAN SCHOOLS,
HARRISBURG, PA., September 30, 1874.**

*To the Mothers, Guardians, and Friends of the Soldiers' Orphans of the
School at Titusville:*

The Titusville school has been closed. Another orphan school may be opened at Titusville, or the children recently at school there may be transferred to other places. In case of transfer, your wishes in respect to a school will be consulted, or if you have no choice in the matter, the school deemed most suitable or convenient will be selected. The children will not be kept out of school longer than is absolutely necessary to make arrangements for their proper accommodation. As soon as these shall be completed due notice will be given.

J. P. WICKERSHAM,
Superintendent.

Official Circular, No. 12.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, SOLDIERS' ORPHANS,
HARRISBURG, June 12, 1875.**

To the Principals and Managers of Soldiers' Orphan School and Homes:

Vacation this year will commence on Friday, July 23, and continue till Friday, September 3, six weeks. All the children must return to school promptly at the end of the vacation, as a reduction will hereafter be made in the case of those who remain away even for a short time. The "thirty day rule" will no longer be applied to this class of absences.

The annual examinations at the several institutions may continue as many days as those directly controlling them shall deem advisable, but the time of holding each examination must be made to include the day of visitation by the State officers named below.

The State officers, when present, will conduct the examinations, calling on such persons to assist them as they may deem proper; and it is hereby directed that, in general, they limit the examinations in the lower classes to some one branch of instruction, reserving most of the time for a more general examination of the higher classes, or the classes containing pupils soon to leave the institution.

The reports of the examinations will be made out as they were last year, by the officers of the several schools and homes, and forwarded to this department.

Special Examinations.

Special examinations will be held by the Inspectors as follows:

At Orphans' Home, Rochester, Tuesday, June 15, P. M.
At St. Paul's Orphan Home, Butler, Wednesday, June 16, A. M.
At Children's Home, York, Monday, June 21, A. M.
At Children's Home, Lancaster, Wednesday, June 23, A. M.
At Orphans' Home, Germantown, Thursday, June 24, A. M.
At Church Home, Angora, Thursday, June 24, P. M.
At Industrial School, Philadelphia, Friday, June 25, A. M.
At Educational Home for Boys, Philadelphia, June 25, P. M.
At St. John's Asylum, Philadelphia, Saturday, June 26, A. M.
At St. Vincent's Asylum, Tacony, Saturday, June 26, P. M.
At Catholic Home, Philadelphia, Monday, June 28, P. M.
At Lincoln Institution, Philadelphia, Tuesday, June 29, P. M.
At Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, Friday, July 2, A. M.

Regular Annual Examinations.

The Superintendent will attend—

At Bridgewater, Friday, July 9, A. M.
At Soldiers' Orphan Institute, Saturday, July 10, A. M.
At Mansfield, Tuesday, July 13, A. M.
At Chester Springs, Friday, July 16, A. M.
At White Hall, Tuesday, July 20, A. M.
At McAlisterville, Wednesday, July 21, A. M.
At Mount Joy, Thursday, July 22, A. M.

Inspector Cornforth will attend—

At Andersonburg, Tuesday, July 6, A. M.
At Loysville, Wednesday, July 7, A. M.
At Harford, Saturday, July 10, A. M.
At Mansfield, Tuesday, July 13, A. M.
At Mercer, Thursday, July 15, A. M.
At Philipsburg, Friday, July 16, A. M.
At Uniontown, Monday, July 19, A. M.
At Dayton, Thursday, July 22, A. M.

Deputy State Superintendents Houck and Curry will assist at several examinations in different parts of the State. The county superintendents of the counties where the examinations are held will take part in them. Several principals of State Normal Schools have promised to be present.

Mrs. E. E. Hutter, Lady Inspector, will be present at a number of the examinations, as will also, it is hoped, His Excellency, Governor Hartranft, and members of the Board of State Charities.

An exhibition of industrial skill and a military drill will form a feature
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of the examinations. Drawing and copy-books should be ready for inspection.

The examinations will be, as heretofore, public; and the authorities of the several schools are requested to invite, specially, the presence of superintendents, directors, and teachers of common schools, members of superintending committee, soldiers, members of the Legislature, judges of the courts, clergymen, editors, and such other citizens of the several localities as have interested themselves in the work of educating our orphan children.

The examinations in the forenoon will commence as nearly as practicable at 9, A. M., and those in the afternoon at 2, P. M. Every arrangement should be made beforehand to prevent unnecessary delay. The regulations for vacation will be the same as heretofore.

J. P. WICKERSHAM,
Superintendent.

Official Circular, No. 13.

DEPARTMENT OF SOLDIERS' ORPHAN SCHOOLS,
HARRISBURG, PA., June 24, 1876.

To the Principals and Managers of the Soldiers' Orphan Schools and Homes:

Vacation this year will commence on Friday, July 21, and continue till Friday, September 1, six weeks. The time any child is absent from school after the end of vacation, will not be paid for by the State.

Owing to their engagements in connection with the Centennial Exposition, the State officers do not expect, as is their general custom, to be present at the annual examinations, and the several schools and homes are left at liberty to make their own arrangements respecting the time of holding, and the manner of conducting them. They are all advised, however, to have a public examination, to continue at least one day. The reports of the examinations will be made out as usual, and forwarded promptly to the Department.

Colonel Cornforth, at his inspection for the present quarter, will devote special attention to the work of the school-room. This, together with the papers prepared for the Exposition, will furnish the Department all needed information concerning the educational progress of the children.

Owing to the heavy expense the project is found to involve, the contemplated visit of all the orphan children in a body to the Centennial Exposition has been reluctantly abandoned.

The regulations for vacation will be the same as heretofore.

J. P. WICKERSHAM,
Superintendent.

Official Circular, No. 14.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, SOLDIERS' ORPHANS,
HARRISBURG, PA., August 26, 1876.

To the Mothers, Guardians, and Friends of the Soldiers' Orphans of the School at Phillipsburg:

As the buildings of the Soldier's Orphan School, at Phillipsburg, have been destroyed by fire, the vacation of the children belonging to that school is hereby extended for four weeks, or until Friday, September 29th. During this time arrangements will be made to have the Phillipsburg children admitted into schools considered the most accessible and suitable for them. Timely notice of these arrangements will be given, so that the children can report promptly, at the end of the four weeks, at the schools to which they may be assigned.

J. P. WICKERSHAM,
Superintendent.

Official Circular, No. 15.

DEPARTMENT OF SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' SCHOOLS,
HARRISBURG, May 3, 1877.

The applications for the admission of children to the Soldiers' Orphan Schools, under the late acts of the Legislature, come to the Department in great numbers illegal in form, incomplete and erroneous. These irregularities almost always lead to a tedious and sometimes annoying correspondence. Trouble to all parties concerned, it is thought, may be saved by observing the following directions:

There are two classes:

I. WHERE THE FATHER IS DECEASED. In this case it must be shown by satisfactory testimony that the cause of the father's death can be traced directly back to circumstances connected with the war—wounds, disease, or impaired constitution. On this point the law is imperative. The line of testimony must extend back from the time of death to the cause that produced it in the army, and statements and affidavits should be presented from the physicians who attended him at any time, but especially from those who attended him while in the service, directly after he left the service, and at the time of his death. *These statements or affidavits should always contain the grounds or reasons for the opinions expressed.* Weight will also be given to the testimony of the officers under whom he served, of the soldiers who knew him, or of responsible citizens acquainted with the case.

II. WHERE THE FATHER IS STILL LIVING, BUT IS SICK OR DISABLED. Here a competent physician must make a careful professional examination

of the case, and under oath or affirmation, state the character of the disease or disability, and the circumstance which, in his judgment, caused it. If thought to be traceable to circumstances connected with the war, the opinion should be strengthened by other testimony similar to that required as above, when the father is deceased. In other words, the application must contain evidence showing that the sickness or disability was caused by the war.

In all applications it should be stated whether the father was or is in receipt of a pension. If not, why not; and if so, the number of the pension certificate should be given. The law requires all applications to be approved by the proper board of school directors. This can only be done when the board is in session, after full consideration, by a resolution placed upon the minutes. The signatures of the officers of a school board, obtained without the authority of the board, have no validity—they destroy the legality of the paper to which they are attached. Boards or directors are expected to inquire before approving an application as to its merits in all respects.

J. P. WICKERSHAM,
Superintendent.

Official Circular, No. 16.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, SOLDIERS' ORPHANS,
HARRISBURG, June 11, 1877.

To the Principals and Managers of the Soldiers' Orphan Schools and Homes:

Vacation this year will commence on Saturday, July 21, and continue till Saturday, September 1, six weeks.

All the children must return to school promptly at the end of the vacation, as no charge will be allowed for absence after that time. The "thirty day rule" applies only to necessary absences during term time.

The annual examinations at the several institutions may continue as many days as those directly controlling them shall deem advisable, but the time of holding each examination must be made to include the day of visitation by the State officers named below.

The State officers, when present, will conduct the examinations, calling on such persons to assist them as they may deem proper; and it is hereby directed that, in general, they limit the examinations in the lower classes to some one branch of instruction, reserving most of the time for a more general examination of the higher classes, or the classes containing pupils soon to leave the institution.

The reports of the examinations will be made out in the same way as they were made out last year, by the officers of the several Schools and Homes, and forwarded to this Department.

Special Examinations.

Special examinations will be held by the Inspectors as follows:

At Children's Home, York, Monday, June 11, A. M.
At Children's Home, Lancaster, Thursday, June 14, A. M.
At Industrial School, Philadelphia, Friday, June 15, A. M.
At Orphans' Home, Germantown, Friday, June 15, A. M.
At St. Vincent's Asylum, Tacony, Saturday, June 16, A. M.
At Lincoln Institution, Philadelphia, Monday, June 18, A. M.
At Educational Home, Philadelphia, Tuesday, June 19, A. M.
At Church Home, Angora, Tuesday, June 19, P. M.
At St. Paul's Orphan Home, Butler, Friday, June 22, A. M.
At Orphans' Home, Rochester, Tuesday, June 26, A. M.
At Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, Wednesday, July 11, A. M.

Regular Examinations.

The Superintendent will attend—

At Loysville, Thursday, July 5, P. M.
At Andersonburg, Friday, July 6, A. M.
At Harford, Tuesday, July 10, A. M.
At Mercer, Thursday, July 12, P. M., and Friday, July 13, A. M.
At Uniontown, Monday, July 16, P. M.
At Dayton, Wednesday, July 18, P. M.

Inspector Cornforth will attend—

At McAlisterville, Friday, July 6, A. M.
At White Hall, Monday, July 9, A. M.
At Mt. Joy, Tuesday, July 10, A. M.
At Chester Springs, Thursday, July 12, A. M.
At Soldiers' Orphan Institute, Friday, July 13, A. M.
At Bridgewater, Monday, July 16, A. M.
At Mansfield, Thursday, July 19, A. M.

Mrs. E. E. Hutter, Lady Inspector, Superintendents Houck and Lindsey, and the clerks in the department, will assist at a number of the examinations in different parts of the State.

The superintendents of schools and the principals of State Normal Schools will take part in the examinations held in their several districts.

An exhibition of industrial skill and a military drill will form a feature of the examinations. Drawing and copy-books should be ready for inspection.

The examinations will be, as heretofore, public; and the authorities of the several schools are requested to invite, especially, the presence of superintendents, directors, and teachers of common schools, members of superintending committees, soldiers, members of the Legislature, judges of the courts, clergymen, editors, and such other citizens of the several localities as have interested themselves in the work of the education of our orphan children.

The examinations in the forenoon will commence as nearly as practicable at 9, A. M., and those in the afternoon at 2, P. M. Every arrangement should be made beforehand to prevent unnecessary delay. The regulations for vacation will be the same as heretofore.

J. P. WICKERSHAM,
Superintendent.

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